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FBI: Boston Suspect Had Talked Of Attacking Police

Abdullah Faaruq, Imam of the Mosque for the Praising of Allah, in Boston, center right, speaks to reporters during a news conference as Suffolk County District Attorney Dan Conley, center left, and Boston Police Commissioner William Evans, right, look on during a news conference, Wednesday, June 3, 2015, at Boston Police Headquarters, in Boston.

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FBI: Boston suspect had talked of attacking police

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BOSTON (AP) — A knife-wielding man killed by the terror investigators who had him under surveillance was confronted because he had bought knives and talked of an imminent attack on “boys in blue,” the FBI said Wednesday. Usaama Rahim plotted for at least a week to attack police, the FBI said in a complaint against a family member who was arrested Tuesday, the day Rahim was shot to death. On Wednesday, the relative, David Wright, was ordered held on a charge of conspiracy with intent to obstruct a federal investigation. The FBI said Rahim, who had previously discussed beheadings, bought three fighting knives and a sharpener on or before May 26 and he told Wright on Tuesday he would begin trying to randomly kill police offi-

cers.

An anti-terror task force of FBI agents and Boston police, faced with an imminent threat, confronted Rahim on a sidewalk and fatally shot him when he refused to drop his knife, authorities said.

An affidavit written by an FBI agent assigned to Boston's Joint Terrorism Task Force refers to a recorded conversation between Rahim and Wright in which Wright made a comparison to “thinking with your head on your chest.” The FBI said that was a reference to Islamic State propaganda videos showing severed heads on the chests of beheading victims.

The FBI affidavit said Rahim initially told Wright about a plan to behead someone outside Massachusetts. On Sunday, Rahim, Wright and an unidentified man met on a beach in Rhode Island to “discuss their plans,” the FBI affidavit said.



In this courtroom sketch, David Wright, second from left, is depicted standing with his attorney Jessica Hedges, right, as Magistrate Judge M. Page Kelley presides, left, during a hearing Wednesday, June 3, 2015, in federal court in Boston. Wright was ordered held Wednesday on a charge of conspiracy with intent to obstruct a federal investigation in the case of Usaama Rahim, who while under surveillance by terrorism investigators, was killed after he lunged with a knife at a Boston police officer and an FBI agent.

(Jane Flavell Collins via AP)

“Wright indicated that he agreed with Rahim’s plan

and supported it,” the affidavit states.

Authorities searched a home in Warwick, Rhode Island, on Tuesday and Wednesday but wouldn’t confirm the search was related to the investigation. They also wouldn’t confirm how Rahim, 26, and Wright, 24, are related.

Early Tuesday morning, Rahim called Wright and told him he had changed his plans and no longer planned to kill someone in another state, the affidavit says. Instead, he said he was going to “go after” the “boys in blue,” it says, an apparent reference to police officers.

During the recorded conversation, Rahim told Wright, “Yeah, I’m going to be on vacation right here in Massachusetts. ... I’m just going to, ah, go after them, those boys in blue. Cause, ah, it’s the easiest target and, ah, the most common is the easiest for me,” the affidavit says.

The FBI said the phrase “going on vacation” refers to committing violent jihad. Authorities allege that during that conversation, Wright advised Rahim to destroy his smartphone, wipe his laptop computer and prepare his will.

On Wednesday, authorities moved swiftly to manage perceptions of the shooting, which killed a black man whose family is well known among Muslims and African-Americans in Boston.

Rahim’s mother is a nurse at Boston University. His older brother, Ibrahim Rahim, is a scholar known for preaching after the Boston marathon bombings that violence is anti-Islamic.

Ibrahim Rahim initially posted a message on Facebook alleging police repeatedly shot his brother in the back while he was on a cellphone calling their father for help. But his version unraveled Wednesday after police showed their video of the confrontation to community leaders.

Darnell Williams, president of the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts, said he could “150 percent corroborate” the police account. The images clearly show that Usaama Rahim “was not on a cellphone and was not shot in the back,” Williams said.

Police Commissioner William Evans said officers confronted Rahim because “military and law enforcement lives were at threat.” □

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Rhode Island's Chafee enters 2016 Democratic contest

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton has a third underdog challenger for the 2016 Democratic presidential nomination. Former Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Chafee entered the race Wednesday, casting himself as an anti-war candidate who opposed the invasion of Iraq back when Clinton supported it. "We must deliberately and carefully extricate ourselves from expensive wars," Chafee told a half-full law school classroom at George Mason University in northern Virginia. "We need to be very smart in these volatile times overseas." With his announcement, Chafee became the biggest longshot among Clinton rivals who have a long way to go to avoid becoming historical footnotes in the 2016 campaign. Clinton has set a goal of raising \$100 million for her primary bid. Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who entered the race last week, has said he's already raised at least \$4 million. And allies of former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley have established a super political action committee to support his efforts.

All three have begun building robust campaign operations with staff across the country, a step Chafee has yet to take.

Chafee, a former Republican turned independent who joined the Democratic Party two years ago, has made little effort to set up a competitive campaign operation, beyond a few visits and calls to activists in the early voting states of New Hampshire, Iowa and South Carolina.

The policy prescriptions in his speech included some probable non-starters, such as moving the U.S. to the metric system. He also called for an end to capital punishment, said National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden should be let back into the U.S. without punishment, proposed repairing relations with Venezuela and said he favored an "open-minded approach" to drug trafficking.

His priority would be to end all wars. "Let's wage peace in this new American century," he said.

Longtime Chafee strategists and donors said earlier they know little about his intentions — or even his



Former Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Chafee, announces his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination during a speech at George Mason University in Arlington, Va., Wednesday, June 3, 2015. Chafee entered the race Wednesday, casting himself as an anti-war candidate who opposed the invasion of Iraq back when Hillary Rodham Clinton supported it.

(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

rationale for running.

"He's not done anything other than posture on some issues," said Mike Trainor, a former Chafee aide. "The question he's going to have to answer is what credible indications can he give

that he is at all ready to run a national campaign."

In previous campaigns, Chafee has spent significant sums from his family fortune to further his political ambitions, for example dropping \$1.8 million on

his 2010 governor's race. Running for president is significantly more expensive than seeking statewide office, with some pegging the estimated cost of a successful 2016 campaign at more than \$1 billion. □

Kerry starts physical therapy after surgery

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State John Kerry has begun physical therapy as he recovers from surgery to his broken leg but his return to work in Washington remains unclear.

The State Department said Wednesday that Kerry "was up and out of bed" at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston a day after the four-hour operation on his right femur that was conducted under a region-

ally anesthetic.

However, spokeswoman Marie Harf said it wasn't yet clear when Kerry would leave the hospital or resume a full schedule.

Kerry's surgeon said Tuesday that the fracture was

fully repaired and that the injury is not expected to interfere with his duties.

Kerry broke his leg on Sunday in France at the start of a ride when he struck a curb in a parking lot and fell. □



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President Barack Obama speaks in the East Room of the White House in Washington. The president says China has made inquiries about potentially joining a Trans-Pacific trade agreement in the future. The agreement now involves the U.S. and 11 other Pacific Rim countries and is the central goal of the contentious trade debate now unfolding in Congress.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster, File)

Obama: China ‘putting out feelers’ on new trade pact

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama said China has made inquiries about potentially joining a Trans-Pacific trade agreement in the future, introducing a new variable to an unfolding debate in Congress over granting him the power to negotiate such international deals. In an interview with American Public Media’s “Marketplace” radio show Wednesday, Obama offered assurances that the Trans-Pacific negotiations among the U.S. and 11 other Pacific rim countries would set international trade rules affecting even China, which is not now a party to the talks.

“They’ve already started putting out feelers about the possibilities of them participating at some point,” Obama told “Marketplace” host Kai Ryssdal. Obama often has promoted the Trans-Pacific deal as a way for the U.S. to gain influence in Asian markets and to keep China “from writing the rules of the road.” If China were to join at some point, it would have to agree with the agreement’s standards. Even without China, Obama argued that if other leading economies in the Asia-Pacific region agree to enforceable labor and environmental standards, intellectual property protections and reduced tariffs, “then China is going to have to at least take those international norms into account.” Obama wants negotiating authority that would set rules for future trade deals, with lawmakers retaining the right only to approve or

reject the final agreements. Republican leaders and a majority of Republican lawmakers support Obama’s push. Most House Democrats are stiffening their opposition, contending the deals would be toothless and cost jobs.

The Senate voted for this fast-track authority last month.

By raising the prospect of China’s inclusion, Obama is likely to intensify a debate about whether to add restrictions on currency manipulation to legislation, a step the White House opposes.

Proponents of punishing countries that keep their currency artificially low to boost exports have used China as an example of the kind of culprit they want to contain.

Rep. Brad Sherman, a Democrat who spoke at a rally protesting the fast-track legislation, said China could join the pact later and continue to manipulate its currency. “China is the number one beneficiary of this agreement,” Sherman said.

Administration officials and trade proponents say it’s not clear that China continues that practice. They say multinational trade deals are the wrong venues to address currency issues, and that such a move could lead to trade wars and undermine the ability of the Federal Reserve to carry out monetary policy. Obama’s comments in the interview came on a day devoted to pushing his trade agenda, which faces an uncertain vote in the House this month. The president also was speaking to television stations in California, Texas and Washington state. □

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Officials:

Dozens of labs received potentially live anthrax

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon disclosed Wednesday that it inadvertently shipped possibly live anthrax to at least 51 laboratories across the U.S. and in three foreign countries over the past decade, but it has yet to determine how it happened, who is to blame, why it was not discovered earlier and how much worse the embarrassment will get.

One of the few things Pentagon officials said they were sure of is that public health is not at risk.

"We know of no risk to the general public," Deputy Defense Secretary Robert Work told a Pentagon news conference. He said the suspect anthrax was shipped in such low concentrations and in such secure packaging that it almost certainly posed no health risk to anyone outside the 51 labs.

The anthrax was supposed to have been killed with gamma rays by Defense Department lab technicians before being shipped for use by commercial labs and government facilities in research and the calibration of biohazard sensors. To compound the error, follow-up lab tests to verify that the anthrax had been killed before being shipped apparently also failed. One question for the ongoing investigation is whether a sufficiently large sample size of the irradiated anthrax was used in the verification tests, or whether those follow-up tests were even performed.

Officials said the mistakes appear to have begun in 2005 or 2006, although Work said the Pentagon did not become aware of them until alerted May 22 by an unidentified commercial lab in Maryland. That lab reported that supposedly dead anthrax samples it received from an Army laboratory contained live spores. Navy Cmdr. Franca Jones, director of Pentagon medical programs for chemical and biological defense, told reporters that 31 individuals are receiving antibiotics as a precaution but none are sick. She said 19 of the 51 laboratories that received suspect anthrax have submitted it to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for testing, and said that of nine samples fully tested thus far, all nine have proven to contain live anthrax.

"We'll find more" labs received the suspect anthrax than the 51 notified thus far, Jones predicted, since more than 400 master batches of anthrax at four Defense Department laboratories that are responsible for shipping it to commercial laboratories have yet to be tested for live anthrax spores.

Of four batches fully tested thus far — all at the Army's Dugway Proving Ground in Utah — all four have been determined to contain live anthrax, even though the material had undergone irradiation in accordance with a well-established but apparently flawed protocol for killing the anthrax. □



House Homeland Security Chairman Rep. Mike McCaul, R-Texas speaks on Capitol Hill in Washington. U.S. law enforcement officials expressed concern Wednesday about the growing use of encrypted communication and private messaging by supporters of the Islamic State, saying the technology was complicating efforts to monitor terror suspects and extremists.

(AP Photo/Lauren Victoria Burke)

US officials:

Encryption hinders monitoring extremists

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The growing use of encrypted communications and private messaging by supporters of the Islamic State group is complicating efforts to monitor terror suspects and extremists, U.S. law enforcement officials said Wednesday.

Appearing before the House Homeland Security Committee, the officials said that even as thousands of Islamic State group followers around the world share public communications on Twitter, some are exploiting social media platforms that allow them to shield their messages from law enforcement.

"There are 200-plus social media companies. Some of these companies build their business model around end-to-end encryption," said Michael Steinbach, head of the FBI's counter-

terrorism division. "There is no ability currently for us to see that" communication, he said.

Asked later in the hearing if he thought the technology companies were being unhelpful, Steinbach replied, "The companies have built a product that doesn't allow them to help."

He said he was concerned that evolving technologies were outpacing laws that allow law enforcement to intercept communications by suspects. "We are striving to ensure appropriate, lawful collection remains available," Steinbach said in his prepared remarks.

John Mulligan, the deputy director of the National Counterterrorism Center, testified that one of the two men involved last month in an attempted terror attack in Garland, Texas, asked fellow Islamic State supporters before the shooting to move their communica-

tions to private Twitter messages. Those men, Elton Simpson and Nadir Soofi, were fatally shot by police after opening fire outside a provocative Prophet Mohammed cartoon contest. No one else was killed.

The hearing also took place one day after police in Boston shot a man under 24-hour surveillance by terrorism investigators when he lunged with a large knife at officers outside a CVS pharmacy. The FBI said Wednesday that the man, Usaama Rahim, plotted for at least a week to attack police and was confronted because he had purchased knives and talked of an imminent attack on "boys in blue."

"These cases are a reminder of the dangers posed by individuals radicalized through social media," said Rep. Michael McCaul, a Texas Republican and chairman of the committee. □

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Bus carrying Italian tourists collides with truck, killing 3

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Associated Press
TOBYHANNA, Pa. (AP) — A

and two others on the bus and leaving four people in critical condition, au-

to its first destination. The mangled front end of the bus was upright on

one of its axles torn off.

It appeared from a wide swath of grass scraped away in the median that the tractor-trailer was south-bound when it crossed over the divided highway and into the path of the north-bound bus. State police said a second tractor-trailer was involved but they were still investigating what led to the accident.

Monroe County coroner Robert Allen, who confirmed the three deaths, said there were 17 people aboard the bus. Italian tour operator Viaggidea said there were only 16: 14 passengers, a tour guide and a driver. The bus owner, Academy Bus, identified its driver as one of the three dead. It said the driver had more than a decade of experience with the company, but it declined to comment further.

More than a dozen people were injured and taken to hospitals, where most were being treated for mild to moderate injuries. Allen said the truck driver didn't appear to have been severely injured. □



Authorities investigate the scene of a fatal collision between a tractor-trailer and a tour bus on Interstate 380 near Tobyhanna, Pa., Wednesday, June 3, 2015. Multiple people were killed and more than a dozen were sent to hospitals.

(Jake Danna Stevens/The Times & Tribune via AP)

charter bus taking Italian tourists to Niagara Falls collided with a tractor-trailer Wednesday morning on an eastern Pennsylvania highway, killing the bus driver

thorities said. The crash occurred on Interstate 380 in the Pocono Mountain region as the bus, which departed from New York, was about a quarter of the way

the highway but wedged into the side of the tractor-trailer, which was sheared in half. The cab of the truck came to rest on its side in the woods next to the road,

Prosecutor:

Death of man who fired at officers was justified

CABOT, Arkansas (AP) — A central Arkansas prosecutor said the fatal shooting of a handcuffed man in the back of a sheriff's patrol car was justified, because the suspect had a concealed handgun that he fired at authorities. Lonoke County Prosecuting Attorney Chuck Graham said his office reviewed evidence from an Arkansas State Police investigation and determined the sheriff and two agents with a state agency were justified in the May 19 shooting death of 35-year-old

Jonathan McIntosh, the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette reported. Graham said McIntosh had hidden the weapon under layers of clothing so it couldn't be found when he was frisked. "The officers reacted quickly and decisively and had no other means of non-deadly force to diffuse the situation in which Mr. McIntosh was firing indiscriminately and acting with wanton disregard for human life," Graham said in a Monday letter to Lt. Stacie Rhoads of the state police. Lonoke County Sheriff

John Staley said missing a weapon during a pat-down search is unfortunate but that it happens. Graham said agents Jonathan Stewart and Michael Blake of the Arkansas Department of Community Correction were looking for an absconder and a rape suspect in Cabot, which is about 25 miles (40 kilometers) northeast of Little Rock. The agents didn't find who they were looking for but came across McIntosh, who was a parolee. Graham said there was a warrant for McIntosh's

arrest, but that he didn't know what it was for or what agency issued it. The officers searched McIntosh and found bags of what appeared to be crystal methamphetamine. McIntosh was handcuffed with his hands behind his back and put in the back of patrol car, Graham said. McIntosh then somehow managed to maneuver his hands in front of him and began shooting through the rear passenger glass toward the agents and Staley, prompting them to return fire. □

Wisconsin police officer cleared in shooting of man

MADISON, Wisconsin (AP)

— A white police officer was cleared Wednesday of wrongdoing by an internal investigation of his fatal shooting of an unarmed 19-year-old biracial man, a move that clears the way for him to get his job back and that follows prosecutors declining to file charges against him.

The Madison Police Department issued a summary of its finding that Officer Matt Kenny did not violate its deadly force policies in the March 6 shooting death of 19-year-old Tony Robinson. Conclusion of the internal decision comes one month after Dane County District Attorney Ismael Ozanne decided not to charge Kenny in the case.

The exoneration clears the way for Kenny, who had been on paid leave since the shooting, to return to the police department.

"He's looking forward to working to getting back and doing the job he loves," said Kenny's attorney Jim Palmer, who is also executive director of the Wisconsin Professional Police Association.

Protests in the wake of the shooting, and Ozanne's decision not to criminally charge Kenny, have all been peaceful, unlike some of the demonstrations that followed the high-profile deaths of black men in Ferguson, Missouri, and Baltimore in the past year. A summary of the investigation does not reveal any details about how the police department reached its conclusion.

Kenny is reviewing the internal investigation report, as is allowed under the law, and will allow the police department to release it as early as Thursday, Palmer said. □



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US Financial Front:

Working 9-to-5 becoming a less popular way to make a living

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — If you want an income, or you're an employer looking for help, it may be time to scrap the idea of the traditional 9-to-5 arrangement. For workers, it's become easier and less risky to go solo. Affordable health insurance plans, which kept many workers shackled to traditional jobs, are more accessible because of the Affordable Care Act. And companies are increasingly open to hiring freelancers and independent contractors. Many say independent workers bring fresh ideas without the long-term commitment. An industry dedicated to serving the companies that offer freelance and contract work and the people who fill those openings is growing. Gigs can be found at a number of websites, such as Upwork.com and Freelancer.com, or through hiring services that connect professional freelancers and companies. And companies that provide shared rented office space, such as We-Work, lets freelancers mingle with fellow contractors. In 2013, 23 million people were self-employed, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. That's up 1.2 percent from the year before and up about 24 percent from 2003. That number doesn't count self-employed people who may also hire employees.

"This isn't going away," says Brooke Borgen, co-owner of Canopy Advisory Group, a hiring company for freelancers in Denver. She started the business five years ago with co-owner

Griffen O'Shaughnessy. They observed that companies needed a way to access independent workers while friends and colleagues were telling them they wanted to find ways to balance their work and personal lives.

"More and more people want to have ownership over their career," Borgen says.

Henry W. Brown ditched his fledgling advertising career 11 years ago, sick of spending 15 hours a day at work and having "no life." Now he works 30 hours a week, juggling about four projects a year and earns a salary in the six figures designing websites and apps. Brown has time for two-hour yoga sessions, mid-day bike rides around his New York City neighborhood and lunch dates with friends. He also has more time for passion projects: He spent a month at an elephant sanctuary in Thailand this year, and he started a Facebook page called TheDogmatic, posting photos of dogs in shelters to help get them adopted. He never plans to work for just one employer again.



Freelance web designer Henry Brown pauses from his work at his New York apartment to give his dog Yogi a snack. Brown ditched his fledgling advertising career 11 years ago, sick of spending 15 hours a day at work and having no time for himself.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

"Everything about an office was such a waste of time to me," he says. When Brown first went freelance, he emailed companies asking for work. Now, most comes from referrals. Sometimes he checks in with a hiring agency. "I'm not clamoring for work," says Brown. "I can be picky and choosy with what I do."

Depending on the industry, the work can be lucrative. At hiring company Business Talent Group, independent contractors can make between \$1,500 and \$2,500 a day, says CEO Jody Miller.

Most have a master's degree and at least 10 years working experience, she says. They can be hired by companies to help launch

new products, research investments or other tasks. Companies weren't always so thrilled about hiring freelancers, says Allison Hemming, CEO of New York staffing company The Hired Guns. When she started the company 15 years ago, companies would say, "if they were that good they would have a job," says Hemming. □

Wal-Mart to add denim pants to work wardrobe

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AP Retail Writer

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Wal-Mart is hoping denim pants will raise the spirits of its more than 1.2 million U.S. store workers.

Starting July 1, workers at the nation's largest private employer will now be able to wear khaki or black denim, in addition to the slacks of the same color allowed before. Workers in more

rigorous jobs like unloading merchandise or the garden area will be able to wear T-shirts and blue jeans.

It's among several changes Wal-Mart's U.S. division is making in response to complaints from workers about their jobs, from big issues like the lack of flexibility in scheduling and pay to smaller gripes like the redundant music piped into its stores. The relaxation

follows a dress code mandated last September that included white or navy colored shirts with khakis or black pants and a navy blue vest. Wal-Mart is paying only for the vest, igniting a flurry of complaints from workers. The new policy doesn't change that. Workers will still have to buy their own shirts and pants.

The latest move was announced at a pep rally for

U.S. workers on Wednesday at the University of Arkansas, about a 45-minute drive away from its headquarters in Bentonville, and comes two days before the annual shareholders' meeting.

In a statement, Wal-Mart worker Salomon Fuentes said he continues to stand for "\$15 and full time" for workers so that dress code changes aren't a burden. □

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American Living:

Cities keen on 'sharing economy' but concerned about safety

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — American cities are enticed by the economic growth and services that "sharing economy" companies such as Airbnb, Uber and Lyft can offer, but officials are anxious about safety in a largely unregulated realm, a city advocacy group found in a study released Wednesday.

Nearly three-quarters of city leaders said they want to see the "sharing" sector grow, according to National League of Cities survey responses from 245 leaders of municipalities large and small. Yet nearly two-thirds said they were concerned about the safety of using

apps and websites that let everyday people rent out rooms, arrange car rides and provide other services to strangers. More than half the cities said they imposed no rules on "sharing" players, though their traditional counterparts — like hotels and taxi companies — often are regulated.

"Cities are welcoming" the rise of the sharing economy, said Brooks Rainwater, one of the study's co-authors. "But at the same time, because it's upending traditional service providers and regulatory environments, it's causing some level of consternation."

Still, "cities are learning how to work with these companies," and vice versa, he

said.

Companies say they're safety-conscious contributors' to cities' economies. A look the findings:

THE STUDY:

The Washington-based cities league included some sharing-economy questions in a broader economic survey sent this year to top elected officials in 986 cities; 245 responded.

The "sharing" or "peer-to-peer" economy can refer to services as varied as co-working spaces and short-term bike-rental programs. The report, like the regulatory debate so far, focuses on "home-sharing" players such as Airbnb and "ride-sharing" companies such



Airbnb guest Megan Walsh in her room at an Echo Park home in Los Angeles. Deeper savings can be had through sites such as Airbnb that arrange for people to rent out rooms, apartments or even couches.

(AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes)

as Uber and Lyft.

THE BACKSTORY:

Many cities are grappling with whether or how to regulate and tax the burgeoning "sharing" sector. New York taxi regulators, for example, are weighing whether to make ride-hailing services submit data on their trips. Portland, Oregon, is experimenting with allowing ride-hailing companies while deregulating its existing cab industry. San Francisco agreed last year to permit some home-as-hotel rentals but is now contemplating further limits. Meanwhile, some lawmakers want to expand a squad that investigates complaints about such rentals in New York, where it's largely illegal to rent out an entire apartment short-term.

WHAT CITIES LIKE ABOUT "SHARING":

While 71 percent of cities said they supported sharing-economy growth, leaders embrace ride-hailing apps more readily than short-term home rentals, by

66 percent to 44 percent. In general, cities see the biggest benefits as improved services (rated No. 1 one by 22 percent) and economic expansion (20 percent). Smaller numbers cited entrepreneurship, efficiency, tourism and constituents' enthusiasm.

WHAT CITIES ARE WORRIED ABOUT:

Sixty-one percent of cities said safety was their top concern about peer-to-peer services. Just 10 percent or fewer named any other potential problem, including effects on established industries, lost tax revenue and workforce issues.

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US official: Airstrikes killed 10,000 Islamic State fighters

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Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — A U.S. official said Wednesday that more than 10,000 Islamic State fighters have been killed by American-led airstrikes in Iraq and Syria in nine months, offering a body count for a campaign that has yet to blunt their advance. Deputy Secretary of State Tony Blinken's figure came after a Paris conference on how to stop the extremists ended without any new strategy to halt their campaign.

It also comes months after the Pentagon dismissed such counts as "simply not a relevant figure" in the fight against the Islamic State group.

Meanwhile, the Islamic State group launched a major attack on the predominantly Kurdish city of Hassakeh in northeastern Syria, according to activists and Syrian state media.

Speaking Wednesday to France Inter Radio a day after the Paris conference, Blinken said the airstrikes have been effective.

"We have seen enormous losses for Daesh," Blinken said, using an Arabic acro-

nym for the group. "More than 10,000 since the beginning of this campaign. That will end up having an effect."

Blinken did not offer any figure for civilian casualties.

In September, the CIA said that Islamic State group has up to 31,500 fighters, meaning that could represent a loss of a third of its forces. Despite that, the extremists continue to attract more recruits from around the world who come to fight with the group to expand its self-declared caliphate in Syria and Iraq.

It's not clear why Blinken offered the figure, as the U.S. military in conflicts since the Vietnam War has been either hesitant or discounted such figures as indicators of success. Adm. John Kirby, a Pentagon spokesman, declined to offer them in January when asked by a reporter.

"The less of these guys that are out there, certainly that's the better, but the goal is to degrade and destroy their capabilities," Kirby said at the time. He added: "It's simply not a relevant figure."

White House spokesman



Fighters of Badr Brigades Shiite militia chant slogans against the Islamic State group at the front line, on the outskirts of Fallujah, Anbar province, Iraq. A U.S. official said Wednesday that more than 10,000 Islamic State fighters have been killed by American-led airstrikes in Iraq and Syria in nine months.

(AP Photo/Hadi Mizban)

Josh Earnest, later asked about Blinken's figure, said he had "no reason to believe" the number was inaccurate, saying 1,000 Islamic State fighters were killed in the fight for the Syrian border town of Kobani alone.

Meanwhile Wednesday,

the Islamic State group targeted Hassakeh in an apparent attempt to reverse some of the advances made recently by Kurdish fighters in the northeastern Syrian province. Kurdish fighters have captured dozens of towns and villages there with the help

of U.S.-led airstrikes and are getting close to Tel Abyad, a major Islamic State-held border town near Turkey. The extremists launched the push on the city of Hassakeh, which is split between government forces and Kurdish defenders, on Tuesday night. □

Top Yemen Shiite Houthi rebel welcomes UN peace talks

AHMED AL-HAJ
Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — The second-in-command of Yemen's Shiite rebels said Wednesday that the Iranian-backed group was ready to go to Geneva for U.N.-mediated peace talks on ending the country's civil war, and accused the internationally-recognized government in exile of "obstructing" dialogue.

Mohammed al-Houthi, who heads the rebels' powerful Revolutionary Council, told The Associated Press

that exiled President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi had derailed earlier attempts at negotiations by demanding the rebels first withdraw from all territory they had captured.

"They are putting pre-conditions to obstruct any talks that could lead the Yemeni people to a solution," al-Houthi said, adding that the Saudi-led coalition refused to halt its air campaign to allow for peace talks. "The coalition is the one that rejects the talks and works on foiling them."

The talks were postponed last month just two days before they were to have begun on May 28 and no new date has been announced. However, Yemen's ambassador to the U.N., Khaled Alyemany, told the AP they would begin June 14, and that an official announcement was expected shortly.

A presidential aide said late Tuesday that Hadi was willing to participate in the Geneva talks.

The aide, who spoke on condition of anonymity

because he wasn't authorized to brief reporters, did not mention any conditions.

The rebels, known as Houthis, began their advance in September, sweeping into the Yemeni capital, Sanaa, and taking over government ministries and other areas. They held top officials, including Hadi, under house arrest until Hadi fled, first to the southern port city of Aden, then to Saudi Arabia as the rebels closed in backed by forces loyal to former

leader President Ali Abdullah Saleh. The Saudi-led air campaign, launched on March 26, and ground fighting have killed more than 1,000 civilians and displaced more than a million people since mid-March, the spokesman for the U.N. secretary-general, Stephane Dujarric, told reporters Wednesday.

The offensive has so far failed to force the Houthis to withdraw from any territory they hold or blunt their advance in southern Yemen. □

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Greek leader defends bailout plan in talks with creditors

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Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — Greece's prime minister entered a showdown with creditors on Wednesday in Brussels, where each side would present proposals in the hope of reaching a deal to unlock bailout loans and save the country from financial disaster.

Some officials dampened expectations of a breakthrough Wednesday, even though Greece is running out of cash and faces debt repayments as soon as Friday.

But French President Francois Hollande said the talks were at least heading in the right direction: "We are some days, not to say some hours away from a possible agreement."

Greece has been negotiating for four months with its creditors over what budget reforms it should make to get the 7.2 billion euros (\$8.1 billion) in loans that are left over in its bailout fund. Wednesday's meet-

ings are part of a string of high-level diplomatic efforts to bring the negotia-

leader Alexis Tsipras stressed the need for compromise. "Today more than ever it

ism," Tsipras said.

Tsipras spoke by teleconference with Hollande and

said.

The three agreed on the need for Greece to have lower primary surpluses — the budget balance without taking into account debt servicing — "and for a solution to be found quickly," the official said, on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak on the record.

Lower primary surpluses than those initially demanded under Greece's five-year bailout have been one of Athens' main requests, although it appears to have been the easiest to overcome in the negotiations.

The eurozone's top financial official, Jeroen Dijsselbloem, was also in Brussels and met with Juncker before Tsipras's arrival. He was less upbeat than others, saying: "We still have a lot of work to do."

That didn't prevent Greek markets from rising on hopes of a deal, with the main stock index closing up 4.1 percent.

Time is pressing. Greece must repay 1.6 billion euros to the IMF this month alone. The first installment of just over 300 million euros is due Friday, with other installments on June 12, 16 and 19. Although Athens insists it intends to repay its debts, it is unclear how much longer it will be able to do so without outside help.

One option Greece could choose is to bundle this month's IMF payments into one on June 30, giving more time for negotiations. While allowed under IMF regulations, the option is rarely used. □



European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, right, speaks with Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras as they arrive for a meeting at EU headquarters in Brussels on Wednesday, June 3, 2015. Greece's prime minister meets European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker in Brussels on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 to discuss his radical left-led government's proposal to secure a vital, long-overdue agreement with the country's bailout lenders.

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tions to a successful end.

Ahead of his meeting with Commission head Jean-Claude Juncker, Greek

is necessary for the (creditor) institutions and mainly for the political leadership of Europe to sign up to real-

German Chancellor Angela Merkel ahead of his meeting with Juncker, a Greek government official

Wilders vows to show Muhammad cartoons on TV

MIKE CORDER

Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Dutch anti-Islam lawmaker Geert Wilders said Wednesday he plans to show cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad on Dutch television after Parliament refused to display them.

Wilders said he would show the cartoons during television airtime reserved for political parties, in a move likely to offend Muslims since Islamic tradition holds

that any physical depiction of the Prophet Muhammad is blasphemous.

Political parties in the Netherlands get a small amount of airtime each year and broadcasting authorities have no say in what the parties show.

Wilders said the broadcast would likely take place in the next few weeks, but an exact date has yet to be determined.

The announcement came a month after Wilders gave a speech at a contest in

Garland, Texas, for cartoon depictions of Muhammad. Shortly after Wilders left the event, it was targeted by two men with pistols and assault rifles. Security guards shot and killed the attackers.

Wilders, whose Freedom Party holds 12 of the 150 seats in Parliament's lower house, told The Associated Press he wants to air cartoons from the Texas competition to support people "who use the pen and not the sword."

"If we say, 'it might be offensive, so let's not do it,' then we send a signal to the people who wanted to get into the event in Texas ... and all their followers that it works," he said. "That we can be intimidated, that we get frightened." Cartoons such as those featured at the Garland event have sparked anger and violence in the past. Wilders is no stranger to pushing the boundaries of free speech and targeting Islam. □



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China ups effort to recover missing from capsized ship

C. BODEEN
Associated Press

JIANLI, China (AP) — Chinese authorities deployed scores more divers and a large crane as they escalated efforts Wednesday to recover more than 410 people believed to be trapped inside an overturned river cruise ship.

The capsizing late Monday of the multi-decked Eastern Star in the Yangtze River is on track to become the country's deadliest maritime disaster in seven decades. Chinese authorities have launched a high-profile response while tightly controlling media coverage.

Premier Li Keqiang, the country's No. 2 political leader, has traveled to the disaster site in the Hubei province county of Jianli where he urged "all-out," 24-7 efforts. Chinese state broadcaster CCTV said the bodies of 26 victims have been pulled from the boat, which floated with a sliver of its hull jutting from the grey river. Fourteen people survived, some of them by swimming ashore and three by being pulled out of the ship by rescuers on Tuesday.

But the vast majority of the 456 people on board remain missing. Many were elderly tourists taking in the scenic vistas of the Yangtze on a cruise from Nanjing to the southwestern city of Chongqing.

Records from a maritime agency show the capsized ship was cited for safety violations two years ago. Authorities in Nanjing held the ship and five other Yangtze cruise vessels after it found them violating standards during a safety inspection campaign in 2013, according to a report on the city's Maritime Safety website. It didn't specify the Eastern Star's violations.

The shallow-draft boat, which was not designed to withstand as heavy winds as an ocean-going vessel can, overturned in what Chinese weather authorities have called a cyclone with winds up to 80 mph (130 kph).

"The river ships tend to have a lower standard on wind-resistance and wave-resistance than ocean ships," Zhong Shoudao, president of the Chongqing Boat Design Institute, said at a news conference along with weather and Transportation Ministry officials. "Under the special circumstance of cyclone, the pressure on the one side of the boat went beyond the standard it was designed for, resulting in the overturning of the boat."

"The boat had lifejackets and lifeboats, but due to the sudden capsizing, there was not enough time for people to put on lifejackets or for the signals to be sent out," Zhong said.

The squad of 13 navy divers who searched the boat Tuesday — and pulled out three trapped survivors from air pockets after voices were heard through the hull — was expanded Wednesday to 202, including 45 from civilian rescue services. They were working in shifts virtually around-the-clock as part of a last-ditch attempt to find survivors, the last of which was found on Tuesday afternoon. □



Philippine President Benigno Aquino III addresses the upper house of parliament in Tokyo, Wednesday, June 3, 2015. Aquino is signaling his country's deepening ties with Tokyo amid increasing concerns by both sides about China's assertiveness in regional seas during his four-day visit.

(AP Photo/Shizuo Kambayashi)

In Tokyo, Philippine leader criticizes China over regional sea moves

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Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — On his sixth visit to Japan in five years, Philippine President Benigno Aquino III on Wednesday criticized China's assertiveness in regional seas, a concern shared by both countries as they deepen their ties.

During his four-day visit, Aquino will hold talks with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe focusing on defense and security ties. They are expected to sign a deal confirming Japan's provision of 10 patrol vessels to the Philippine coast guard to bolster its patrolling capability around Manila-claimed South China Sea islands.

Since both countries are U.S. allies and share concerns over China's maritime activity, the Philippines is extremely important to Japan, said Kenko Sone, spokesman at Japan's Prime Minister's Office.

Asked about a U.S. role,

Aquino said America's presence is crucial to the region's stability and that the international community should act proactively. In a speech at a conference organized by the Nikkei business newspaper, Aquino criticized what he called China's "unlawful territorial claim" and hinted at similarities between Beijing's land-reclamation in the South China Sea and Nazi Germany's expansionist moves before World War II. He has drawn similar parallels in the past.

Foreign Ministry officials said Monday that Abe and Aquino were also expected to expand their defense cooperation in other areas, including the transfer of Japanese military equipment and technology to the Philippines, possibly related to maritime reconnaissance. Tokyo eased a ban on military exports last year.

In a speech to the upper house of Japan's parlia-

ment, Aquino said that the maritime and coastal stability in the region is "at risk of being disrupted by attempts to redraw the geographic limits and entitlements outside those clearly bestowed by the law of nations."

He praised Tokyo's solidarity with the Philippines in advocating the problem and said "a country that we both have had difficulties with" was responsible for the problem, without mentioning China.

Under Abe's push to expand Japan's international defense role, Japan has been expanding its defense cooperation with a number of countries to complement its cornerstone alliance with the U.S. In Washington, the top U.S. diplomat for East Asia said Wednesday that China's behavior in the South China Sea was posing a question about what kind of power China seeks to become. □

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US journalism courses irritate Cuba amid thaw

BEN FOX
Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — About 30 Cubans sit in a conference room for several hours each week and learn the ABCs of journalism: how to craft a news story, write a headline and check sources.

resources, who don't have work, and I don't think there is anything wrong with that," said Eleya Ponjuan, a 19-year-old attending the once-a-week sessions.

The journalism program, which is taught for free along with more popular

tion. "For example, graduating independent journalists."

The Cubans see the courses as an extension of U.S. efforts to undermine the island's government, which in the past has been done through programs designed to bolster indepen-

where freedom of the press is lacking or independent journalists are under threat."

Cuba enshrines control over the country's news organizations in its constitution, using the main newspapers and broadcasters to deliver the official Communist Party line. A few independent blogs and online news outlets are tolerated, although some such as noted dissident Yoani Sanchez's website "14ymedio" are blocked on the island.

The Internet is largely irrelevant since home connections are highly restricted and access through government centers remains prohibitively expensive, with the cheapest hour now costing roughly 10 percent of the average monthly salary of \$20. Nevertheless, people who practice independent journalism risk being labeled "counter-revolutionaries," a charge Ponjuan rejects.

"I don't consider myself counter-revolutionary, on the contrary," she said in her cramped house in a poor section of Havana where she also runs a free community library out of her living room. "I just want a change for the better for the country." Hildebrando Chaviano, a former government lawyer turned dissident, said the beginning and intermediate journalism courses he took at the Interests Section have helped him sharpen his writing skills for stories that appear in the online news site Diario de Cuba and elsewhere. "We are not trying to destroy the country; our interest is that it functions better," he said. "To do that, you have to criticize it. The government is allergic to criticism." Cuba has complained in the past about the courses. □

CARIBBEAN

Judges say Haiti should reject ex PM's candidacy

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— A judicial panel in Haiti has recommended that former Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe be barred from running for president. The panel said this week that Lamothe failed to receive a government document certifying that he handled public funds appropriately while prime minister from 2012 until late last year. An adviser to Lamothe, Salim Succar, called the decision "erroneous" and said Wednesday they would appeal. Lamothe is one of about 70 people who registered to seek the presidency. The panel of electoral judges was asked to review the eligibility of 23 contested would-be candidates. It recommended the disqualification of Lamothe and two others late Tuesday while clearing others to run.

Guyana official seeks dismissal of cops on torture

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP)

— Guyana's national security minister says he has demanded the dismissal of two policemen accused in 2009 of burning the genitals of a teen boy while in custody. Khemraj Ramjattan told The Associated Press Wednesday he asked the police chief to dismiss Cpl. Mohan Dulai. He also has asked a commission to revoke the appointment of Inspector Narine Lall. The police chief is barred from firing anyone above the rank of sergeant. Both officers were promoted last year by the previous administration, which lost general elections on May 11. □



Eleya Ponjuan, who is taking a course in independent journalism led by U.S. professors via video link inside the U.S. Interests Section, works on her laptop at home in Havana, Cuba. Ponjuan, 19, says she wouldn't be interested in formal Cuban training in journalism or a job in an established media on the island, even if she could get either. "I want to be a journalist, but I want to be a journalist that no one is censoring."
(AP Photo/Desmond Boylan)

To their government, however, they are taking part in criminal activity. It's not just that they are studying journalism in a country where the mass media is controlled by the state, but how and where they are doing it: inside the U.S. Interests Section, the heavily guarded outpost of a government that has spent decades trying to undermine Cuba's communist government. Cubans take the courses in independent journalism, led by U.S. professors via video link, knowing full well that they risk harassment or even arrest.

"These courses are a very good opportunity for us, for those who don't have any

but less controversial classes in English and information technology, has come under renewed criticism in Cuba amid talks to restore full diplomatic relations between Washington and Havana for the first time in more than 50 years.

Cuban and U.S. officials say they are close to being able to re-establish embassies. The negotiations are closed, but President Raul Castro singled out the educational courses when asked on May 12 about remaining obstacles to better relations.

"What most concerns me is that they continue doing illegal things," Castro told reporters about activities inside the U.S. Interests Sec-

tion civil society.

State Department officials wouldn't discuss the journalism program in detail, not wanting to upset delicate talks that began with the historic announcement of a detente by Castro and President Barack Obama on Dec. 17, but defended it in a brief statement to The Associated Press.

"The United States continuously works to promote free expression around the world through bilateral engagement, public diplomacy programming, and multilateral diplomacy," the State Department said. "This includes support to independent journalists around the world, particularly in closed countries



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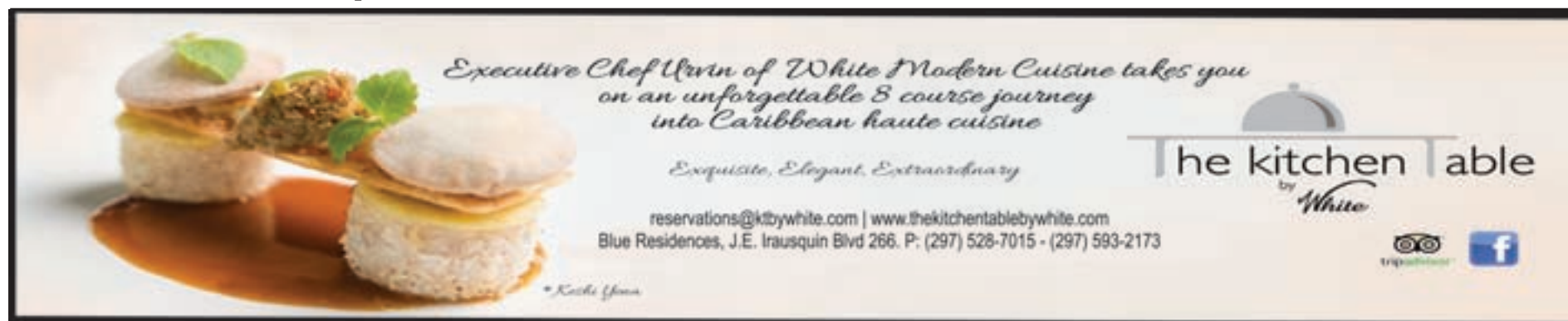
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Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Kristina's family and Ms. Yvette Tromp representing the Playa Linda Beach Resort.

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Tiger Woods watches his approach shot on the 18th hole during a practice round for The Memorial golf tournament, Wednesday, June 3, 2015, in Dublin, Ohio.

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Tiger Woods starts a busy stretch with Memorial

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AP Golf Writer

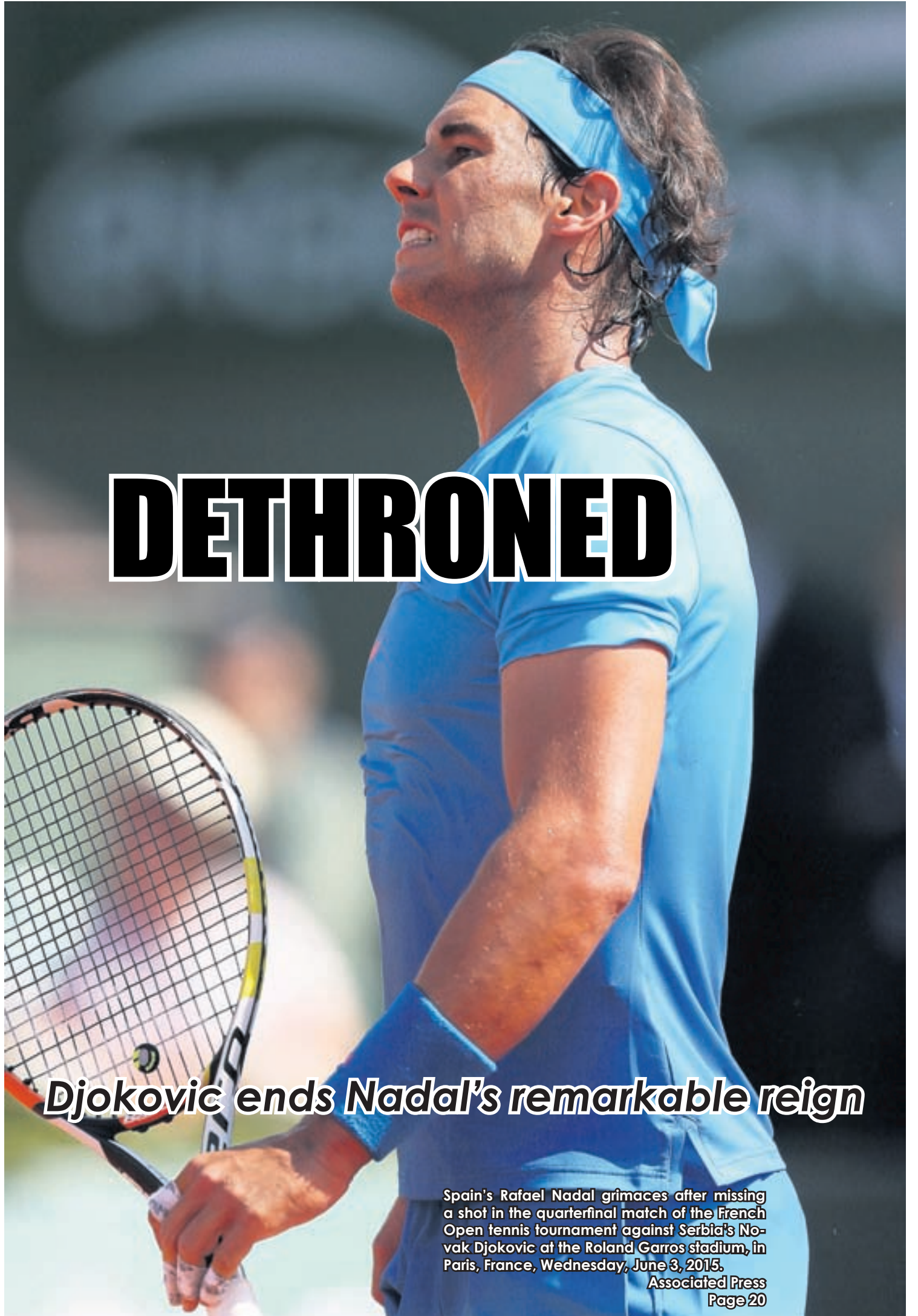
DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — Tiger Woods hasn't been this busy on the golf course all year.

And the Memorial hasn't even started.

Woods began his week by flying to Pacific Northwest for two days of practice at Chambers Bay, the start of his preparations for the U.S. Open. The course along the shores of Puget Sound is so mysterious to so many players that he said it took nearly seven hours to get through 18 holes on his first day of practice.

"And the next day — yesterday — was a little bit quicker because we knew what to do, what to expect, what lines to take," Woods said Wednesday after his pro-am round at Muirfield Village. "We just knew how to play the golf course."

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Djokovic ends Nadal's remarkable reign

Spain's Rafael Nadal grimaces after missing a shot in the quarterfinal match of the French Open tennis tournament against Serbia's Novak Djokovic at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, Wednesday, June 3, 2015.

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That's not an issue at the Memorial, where Woods has won a record five times.

He last won in 2012 with a chip from behind the 16th that even host Jack Nicklaus said was one of the best shots he ever saw. The following year, he set another record with a career-worst 44 on the back nine (which he tied on the back nine at the Phoenix Open this year).

Still to be determined is what kind of game Woods brings to both tournaments.

"It's still evolving, but it's getting better," Woods said.

He took a two-month break early in the year when his golf sunk to a new low, highlighted by his 82 in the Phoenix Open, and Woods made a remarkable return at the Masters by tying for 17th and then making the cut in The Players Championship three weeks later. It was the first time since the end of 2013 that Woods completed consecutive 72-hole events.

And now?

"A lot more comfortable coming into this week than The Players," he said. "We had to do some pretty good work going into The Players. But this one is a little bit easier."

The hard part is the field.

Even with Rory McIlroy taking the week off after

his stretch of five straight tournaments on two continents, the Memorial features six of the top 10 in the world. Masters champion

for this week.

He's on that kind of a roll. Spieth had an 82 his first year at the Memorial. He returned that fall for the

nation, you have to play these ridges. Speed control is so vital."

That might be the biggest adjustment for Woods

ditions. Woods has been around for two decades, and adjusting to a different golf course, different grass, different time zones, is nothing new.

"The biggest adjustment is not to hit the putts so hard," he said after his pro-am round. "I was practicing 40-, 50-yard putts because that some of the shots that we're going to have to hit out there. The greens (at Muirfield Village) are running just over 13 right now — a little different feel. Every putt I hit today, I blew past the hole."

Hideki Matsuyama is the defending champion. Fowler is back from Royal County Down at the Irish Open where he had a good week except for an 8-8 finish to his third round. Dustin Johnson and Justin Rose are part of a strong field, along with Phil Mickelson and Jason Day.

For most of them, the U.S. Open looms.

Woods is interested in progress. Even in more predictable times, he never read too much into his performance in his final event before a major. Three years ago, he won both tournaments before the Masters (Bay Hill) and U.S. Open (Memorial) and it didn't work out for him.

"It's about peaking at the right time," he said. "The main thing is I want to be able to start playing again, being in contention with a chance to win. I'd like to get there more often and give myself more opportunities to win." □



Tiger Woods hits from the sand on the 18th hole during a practice round for The Memorial golf tournament, Wednesday, June 3, 2015, in Dublin, Ohio.

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Jordan Spieth struggled at his hometown even at the AT&T Byron Nelson last week outside Dallas, though he still gets the players' attention.

The caddies for Spieth and Players Championship winner Rickie Fowler were standing outside the clubhouse Wednesday morning when Matt Jones arrived. He congratulated Fowler's caddie, Joe Skovron, on his big win at the TPC Sawgrass. And then he looked at Michael Greller, the caddie for Spieth, and jokingly congratulated him

Presidents Cup at age 19 and won two of his matches, along with making a hole-in-one during practice. A year ago, he was in the mix going into Sunday until closing with a 75.

What he loves most are the pure greens, and Spieth has one of the best putting strokes on tour.

"The greens are arguably tied for first or second only to Augusta National as far as speed and how pure they are consistently each year," Spieth said. "I love putting on greens where you have to have imagi-

coming off his two days at Chambers Bay.

He spent most of his time around the greens, trying to figure out where to bounce shots off the slopes and banks to feed toward the hole, and where not to miss. Much like a links course, he used the putter for shots as far away as 30 and 40 yards to best use the contours.

And now he's at Muirfield Village, a classic course framed by thick rough with fast greens. Conditions are likely to be soft this week because of overcast con-

Gatlin says he not Bolt is the man to beat for now

ROME (AP) — With the world-leading times in the 100 and 200 meters this year, Justin Gatlin says he — not Usain Bolt — is the man to beat for now.

The big goal for both sprinters remains the world championships in Beijing in August.

"Right now, I can't consider myself the favorite because it's months away," Gatlin said. "I'm just trying to stay healthy and strong. But having two world leads does put me in position to



say entering a race, 'OK, I'm the man to go out there and go against.'"

Gatlin was in Rome preparing to run the 100 in the Golden Gala on Thursday. Gatlin beat Bolt at the

Stadio Olimpico two years ago, although the Jamaican is not entered this year. Gatlin clocked 9.74 seconds in the Diamond League opener on May 15 in the sweltering heat of Doha, Qatar. Only four sprinters have ever run faster, including Bolt, who set the world record of 9.58 in 2009.

Gatlin won the 200 in 19.68 in Eugene, Oregon, last weekend, matching his personal best.

He will be aiming for his

fourth career win in Rome, the fourth stop of the Diamond League.

"I'm just starting off where I left off last year," Gatlin said. "I want to go out there and dominate each race, and that's what I've been doing."

His opponents on Thursday include former European indoor champion Jimmy Vicaut, 2003 world champion Kim Collins, 4x100 world record holder Nesta Carter, and Mike Rodgers of the U.S. □

Sprinter Justin Gatlin wins the 200-meter race during the Prefontaine Classic track and field meet in Eugene, Ore., Saturday, May 30, 2015.

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LeBron on his game: 'This is probably the best I've been'

TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James listened to a question he's been asked in the past and began processing.

On the eve of his fifth consecutive NBA Finals, having carried the Cleveland Cavaliers within four wins of a championship in his homecoming season, James appears to be playing the best basketball of his life.

Others have said so, some insisting they've never seen anyone — at least no one this side of Michael Jordan — perform at such a high level.

James has been magnificent in these playoffs. Clutch. Focused. Confident.

But does the 30-year-old believe he's at the pinnacle of his 12-year career?

"If you put it all together, yeah," he said. "If you put everything together as far as my mind, my body, my game. If you put everything in one bottle, this is probably the best I've been."

King James has spoken.

Although he has jumped higher, scored more, shot for a higher percentage, and had bigger statistical games in nine previous postseasons, James has taken his game to new boundaries, the outer limits as he prepares to take on the Golden State Warriors from Thursday. He's still doing what few can physically match on the floor, but he's also lifting his teammates, inspiring them, making them believe they can end Cleveland's 51-year title drought.

The four-time league MVP can still take over a game, and he can get inside it.

Through words and actions, James has pushed the Cavaliers past postseason injuries to Kevin Love and Kyrie Irving, the other members of Cleveland's Big 3, who haven't pulled their weight in the postseason. James has picked up the slack with more rebounds, and by playing point guard.

He's brought out the best in sharpshooter J.R. Smith



In this May 26, 2015, file photo, Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) drives against Atlanta Hawks forward DeMarre Carroll during Game 4 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals in Cleveland. Miami changed James for the better
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and made reserves like Iman Shumpert and Matthew Dellavedova embrace their roles. He's even caused David Blatt's critics to pause and reconsider what kind of job Cleveland's first-year coach has done.

James has never been better.

With dedication and hard work, James is exhibiting what he wrote in his letter to Cleveland fans last summer when he said: "In Northeast Ohio, nothing is given. Everything is earned. You work for what you have."

Irving didn't fully understand James' genius until they became teammates. Over the past few months, the All-Star point guard has grown to appreciate No. 23's effect on those around him. Irving marvels at James' photographic memory and uncanny knack for seeing plays unfold before others.

"I became a fan to be honest with you," Irving said. "I told him that. It's a different feeling when you're on a team with someone you've watched for so long. When you get to see him up close and the work that he puts in, the dedication that he has, the drive and the will that he has. The true testament of him is

that he embodies a leader, and the true testament of the word 'team' is embodied with the guys we have. We have so many different personalities, so many different guys, and when you have a leader like that it lifts you up in every situation."

Miami changed him.

During four seasons in South Florida, a period he refers to as his "college years," James learned to be a champion. Playing alongside All-Star Dwyane Wade, James gained a better understanding of the trust necessary to win it all. He had Wade's back

and vice versa. They grew into one.

The blistering spotlight, too, hardened James, who mastered the ability to block out external noise. Before he went to Miami, injuries like the ones to Irving and Love might have unraveled him. These days, they're just more obstacles. "Even in the past, mentally I just wasn't who I am today," he said. "My mind, my hard drive, wasn't as big. I'm able to handle a lot of situations that I wasn't able to handle at 24 and 25 years old. I just tried to do it by just going out and just playing."

Warriors swingman Shaun Livingston said there's an obvious difference in James (version 2015) and the one he played against in past years.

"His time in Miami helped sharpen his mental fortitude," Livingston said. "They faced a lot of adversity in Miami with all the scrutiny. That's helped him on the court, being more calm, and not really playing to the outside but just between the lines."

James has pieced together an amazing body of work in this postseason already. He nearly averaged a triple-double in the Eastern Conference finals, posting 30.3 points, 11.0 rebounds, and 9.3 assists in the series, the first player to average at least 30 points, 10 boards, and nine assists in a series. In the previous round, he made a buzzer-beating shot to win Game 4 and followed that with a 38-point, zero-turnover masterpiece in Game 5.

He hasn't been perfect. James missed his first 10 shots in Game 3 against Atlanta before getting a triple-double, and he's been sloppy with the ball. But he's on a mission, and within reach of winning a title that would top any of his many accomplishments.

"I've been watching a lot of playoffs the last six years," Love said, "and I don't know if I've seen him play better than this."

Nobody has. □



Djokovic beats 9-time French Open champ Nadal in quarters

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AP Tennis Writer

PARIS (AP) — There was no trophy, and no title, on offer for Novak Djokovic at Court Philippe Chatrier. Perhaps there should have been, considering what he accomplished.

Thoroughly outplaying the best there's ever been on red clay, Djokovic ended Rafael Nadal's 39-match French Open winning streak Wednesday by beating the nine-time champion in a surprisingly lopsided quarterfinal 7-5, 6-3, 6-1.

"A match," Djokovic said, "that I will remember for a long time."

It's only Nadal's second defeat in 72 career matches at Roland Garros — and second in 95 best-of-five-set matches anywhere on the surface. The other came in the fourth round in Paris in 2009 against Robin Soderling.

Before that, Nadal won four championships in a row. And since? Nadal collected a record five consecutive French Open titles.

"I lost in 2009, and (it) was not the end," Nadal said. "I lost in 2015, and (it) is not the end."

The No. 1-ranked Djokovic lost all six previous matches they'd played in Paris, including the 2012 and 2014 finals.

But Djokovic's defense allowed Nadal only three winners off his heavy topspin lefty forehand, perhaps the most feared shot in all of tennis. With his coach, Boris Becker, jumping out of his seat to applaud, Djokovic conjured up 45 winners to only 16 for Nadal, whose 29th birthday sure was a downer.

"He was better than me," Nadal said. "That's it."

By the end, Djokovic not only had broken down Nadal's game but also his usually unbending will. Appropriately for a match that did not live up to the hype, it closed with a whimper on a double-fault by Nadal.

"An ideal scenario is today could have been (the final), and could have a dif-



Britain's Andy Murray rushes to the net as he plays Spain's David Ferrer in after quarterfinal match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, Wednesday, June 3, 2015 in Paris. Murray won 7-6 (4), 6-2, 5-7, 6-1.

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ferent discussion," Djokovic said. "It's only quarterfinals, and I want to fight for the title. That's what I came here for."

Yes, significant as this victory was, Djokovic has more work to do in pursuit of a first French Open title to complete a career Grand

Slam. In Friday's semifinals, the 28-year-old Serb will meet No. 3 Andy Murray, who eliminated 2013 runner-up David Ferrer 7-6

(4), 6-2, 5-7, 6-1. The other semifinal is Stan Wawrinka vs. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

"I feel like I understand how I have to play on the surface better than I did in the past," said Murray, who is 15-0 on clay in 2015.

In the women's semifinals Thursday, Serena Williams plays Timea Bacsinszky, and Ana Ivanovic meets Lucie Safarova. Williams advanced with a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Sara Errani, and Bacsinszky beat Alison Van Uytvanck 6-4, 7-5.

The 44th installment of Djokovic-Nadal was merely a quarterfinal because Nadal's ranking slipped so far he was seeded sixth, all of his unprecedented French Open success notwithstanding.

The 14-time major champion missed time last season with a right wrist injury, then had appendix surgery. He has spoken openly about a crisis in confidence from poor-for-him results in 2015: Wednesday's loss was his sixth on clay, his most in a year since 2003. When the rankings come out Monday, he'll be no better than 10th, his worst spot since 2005.

Djokovic, who won his eighth Slam title at January's Australian Open, owns a 27-match winning streak. "You need to play very well to stand a chance against him, and the truth is that Rafael did not play at his best," said Toni Nadal, who coaches his nephew.

After 15 minutes, Djokovic led 4-0, taking 18 of the first 22 points, including one 19-stroke delight in which both men sprinted to track down lobs.

Then, as though suddenly recalling who he is and where he was, Nadal snapped to it.

It took Nadal 21 minutes to complete the minimal task of claiming a game, with the help of an on-the-run, down-the-line backhand passing winner so exquisite Djokovic gave a thumb's up. That helped the Spaniard get to 4-all.

Couldn't have known it at the time, but that turned out to be his last surge. □

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Pillar HRs twice, Blue Jays earn DH split with Nats

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Kevin Pillar hit two home runs off Max Scherzer, including a go-ahead three-run drive, as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Washington Nationals 7-3 Tuesday night to earn a split of a day-night doubleheader.

Jordan Zimmermann pitched six-hit ball for eight innings in the opener, a 2-0 victory that ended a three-game losing streak.

Bryce Harper had a go-ahead single off R.A. Dickey, then he thrilled a fan before the nightcap by taking a selfie in right field with her phone.

Scherzer (6-4) had won each of his previous five starts and appeared poised for another with a 3-1 lead.

Pillar had other ideas, though. He drove a pitch over the wall in left in the sixth for his second homer and fourth on the season for a 4-3 lead.

Marco Estrada (2-3) pitched six innings in the second game for Toronto, allowing three runs — two earned — and six hits.

Zimmermann (5-2) struck out four and walked one to win for the third time in four starts.

Dickey (2-6) gave up eight hits, struck out six and walked one.

ROCKIES 6, DODGERS 3, 1st game; DODGERS 9, ROCKIES 8, 2nd game

DENVER (AP) — Alex Guerrero hit a grand slam off reliever Rafael Betancourt with two outs in the top of the ninth, helping Los Angeles salvage a doubleheader split.

Guerrero sent a fastball from Betancourt (2-2) to the deepest part of Coors Field, just eluding the glove of leaping center fielder Charlie Blackmon. It was Guerrero's first career grand slam and fourth homer of the day for the Dodgers.

In the opener, Jorge De La Rosa threw six solid innings

with a healing cut on his middle finger and Michael McKenry homered to lead Colorado.

De La Rosa (2-2) had his start pushed back twice because of a cut he got from the seams on a baseball. The lefty allowed three runs and struck out six for his 71st win with the Rockies, one shy of matching Aaron Cook's team record.

John Axford pitched around a leadoff single in the ninth for his 10th save.

Ian Thomas (0-1) allowed four runs in three innings for the Dodgers, and rookie Joc Pederson hit his 15th home run, a shot estimated at 477 feet.

MARLINS 5, CUBS 2

MIAMI (AP) — Brad Hand pitched six innings to earn his fifth victory in 33 career starts to lead Miami.

Hand (1-1) improved 5-18 in his career as a starter. Even with the victory, his winning percentage as a starter (.217) is the lowest in the majors among active pitchers with at least 20 decisions, according to STATS. Giancarlo Stanton hit a solo homer, his 16th. He has seven of Miami's 14 homers at Marlins Park this year.

Rookie Addison Russell's baserunning blunder helped A.J. Ramos earn his fifth save in seven chances. Marcell Ozuna hit a two-out, three-run double off Kyle Hendricks (1-2) that put Miami ahead to stay in the fifth.

PHILLIES 5, REDS 4

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Darin Ruf hit a walkoff single with one out in the ninth inning after Maikel Franco tied it in the eighth with a two-run homer to lead Philadelphia to a rare late-inning comeback victory.

Odubel Herrera led off the ninth against Tony Cingrani (0-2) with an opposite-field double to left. Herrera went to third on Carlos Ruiz's sacrifice bunt and scored on Ruf's single to right.

Jonathan Papelbon (1-0) pitched a 1-2-3 ninth, strik-

ing out two, to earn the victory.

The Phillies looked headed to their eighth straight loss before scoring two runs with two outs in the eighth. Philadelphia improved to 2-30 when trailing after seven innings.

CARDINALS 1, BREWERS 0

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Lance Lynn allowed five hits while pitching into the eighth inning and Mark Reynolds had an RBI single in the second to lead St. Louis.

Tyler Cravy (0-1) made an impressive major debut for Milwaukee, allowing a run on four hits in seven innings. The Brewers won the series opener 1-0 and Milwaukee pitchers had thrown 19 consecutive scoreless innings before Reynolds' RBI. Lynn (4-4) struck out five and walked one in 7 2/3 innings.

Kevin Siegrist got the last out in the eighth and most of a sellout crowd of 42,835 stuck around to see Trevor Rosenthal earn his 16th save in 17 chances. The Cardinals are 6-2 with one game to go on the home stand.

DIAMONDBACKS 7, BRAVES 6

PHOENIX (AP) — A.J. Pollock hit a two-out, two-run home run into the Chase Field swimming pool in the seventh inning and Arizona won a back-and-forth game.

The homer was the 51st splashdown in the water beyond the right field fence since the ballpark opened in 1998.

Ender Inciarte had two RBIs, two runs scored and two stolen bases for the Diamondbacks. He drew a two-out walk from Brandon Cuniff (2-1) and scored on Pollock's home run.

A.J. Pierzynski and Todd Cunningham each drove in a pair of runs in the Braves' five-run sixth inning after the Diamondbacks had taken a 4-1 lead off Shelby Miller. □



Toronto Blue Jays' Russell Martin (55) is safe at first base as Washington Nationals first baseman Tyler Moore can't get to the throw from third baseman Yunel Escobar during the first inning of the second baseball game of a doubleheader at Nationals Park, Tuesday, June 2, 2015, in Washington.

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Red Sox ends skid with 1-0 win over Twins

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RED SOX 1, TWINS 0

BOSTON (AP) — Clay Buchholz pitched eight innings and got all the run support he needed on Rusney Castillo's RBI single in the seventh as Boston ended a three-game skid.

Buchholz (3-6) struck out eight and scattered three hits before Koji Uehara took over in the ninth and picked up his 11th save to preserve the shutout.

Mike Pelfrey (4-2) had a solid start as he and Buchholz both carried a shutout into the seventh inning, when the Red Sox broke the tie. Xander Bogaerts hit a two-out double off the wall in center and scored easily on Castillo's single up the middle.

Buchholz got his first win since Boston beat Toronto 6-3 on May 10.

ATHLETICS 5, TIGERS 3

DETROIT (AP) — Ben Zobrist's grand slam highlighted a five-run seventh inning as Oakland rallied for the win.

Alfredo Simon (5-3) held the A's to one hit over the first six innings, but the Tigers scuffled defensively in the seventh, and Oakland had the bases loaded with one run already in when the right-hander was pulled. Angel Nesbitt came on in relief, and Zobrist greeted him with a line drive over the wall in right field for his sixth career grand slam.

Kendall Graveman (3-2) allowed three runs and eight hits in six innings. Evan Scribner pitched two perfect innings of relief, and Tyler Clippard finished for his eighth save.

Simon allowed four runs and four hits in 6 1/3 innings as the Tigers lost a season-

high fifth straight.

RANGERS 15, WHITE SOX 2
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Joey Gallo hit an upper-deck homer, doubled off the top of the wall and set a Rangers franchise record for a major league debut with four RBIs as Texas cruised past Chicago.

Gallo, the top prospect in the Rangers organization, made the jump from

pitch into the upper deck in right field — an estimated 418 feet — for a 6-2 lead.

ASTROS 6, ORIOLES 4

HOUSTON (AP) — Evan Gattis hit a three-run homer and Luis Valbuena added a go-ahead solo shot in a five-run third inning for AL-leading Houston.

The Astros were in a big hole early after a four-run

after giving up four runs in the second, and the last out of that inning was the first of eight straight and 15 of 16 he retired before being replaced by Pat Neshek for the eighth inning.

Baltimore rookie Mike Wright (2-1) yielded eight hits and five runs in five innings after allowing just three runs combined in his

Cody Allen handled a perfect ninth for his 12th save as the Indians won for the 11th time in 14 games. AL Central rival Kansas City lost for the sixth time in its last seven.

Wade Davis (2-1) was summoned in the eighth to keep the game tied, but he walked Michael Bourn to lead off the inning.

RAYS 6, ANGELS 1

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Tampa Bay rookie Chris Archer overcame another milestone home run by Albert Pujols to win his third straight decision, tying a franchise record with 15 strikeouts over eight innings.

Pujols tied Jimmie Foxx for 17th place on the career home run list with his 534th, putting him two behind Mickey Mantle. And he did it in his 8,134th big league at-bat — the exact same number that Foxx finished his career with.

Archer (6-4) matched James Shields' club record for strikeouts, which was set on Oct. 2, 2012 in a complete-game 1-0 loss to Baltimore. The 26-year-old right-hander did not walk a batter and allowed six hits, including Pujols' 14th homer and sixth in as many games.

YANKEES 5, MARINERS 3

SEATTLE (AP) — Garrett Jones hit a three-run homer in the top of the 11th inning to give the Yankees the lead and Andrew Miller preserved the win in the bottom half by striking out Nelson Cruz with two on.

Stephen Drew tied it in the ninth with an RBI double off Seattle closer Fernando Rodney as New York took the first two games of this three-game series. □



Minnesota Twins' Torii Hunter leans back from an inside pitch delivered by Boston Red Sox starter Clay Buchholz during the first inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, in Boston.

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Double-A Frisco for what is supposed to be a short stint while four-time All-Star third baseman Adrian Beltre is on the 15-day disabled list with a sprained left thumb. With the bases loaded in the first, Gallo hit a hard shot that got past Gold Glove first baseman Adam LaRoche. It was scored a "bad-hop single" that drove home the first two runs off Jeff Samardzija (4-3).

When Gallo came up two innings later, he hit the first

second inning by the Orioles, but bounced back an inning later for their major league-leading 17th comeback victory this year.

Houston trailed by 3 when the homer by Gattis made it 4-all and the Astros went back to back when Valbuena homered to right field to put Houston on top. The Astros added an insurance run in the eighth inning.

Houston starter Collin McHugh (6-2) settled down

first three starts.

INDIANS 2, ROYALS 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Michael Brantley drove in the go-ahead run with two outs in the eighth inning, backing a strong performance by Carlos Carrasco and sending Cleveland past Kansas City.

Carrasco (7-4) allowed five hits over seven innings to win his third straight start. The big right-hander struck out eight while dominating Kansas City for the second time in a month.

Yahoo lands rights to show NFL game on Internet this fall

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL is teaming up with Yahoo to show a game live on the Internet this fall.

The alliance announced Wednesday follows up on the NFL's previously announced plan to stream the Oct. 25 matchup between the Buffalo Bills and

Jacksonville Jaguars. The game, which will be played in London, is scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m. EDT.

It will be the first time that the NFL has allowed one of its games to be streamed live in its entirety by an Internet outlet. The Bills-Jaguars game will still be

televised, like all other NFL games, in the local markets of the two teams playing each other.

Landing the rights to show the game represents a coup for Yahoo, which is trying to widen its audience and sell more advertising after more than six

years of little or no revenue growth.

Yahoo Inc. declined to say how much it is paying the NFL to stream the game.

NFL games are among the most-watched events on TV, making them a valuable commodity. The NBC, CBS, ESPN and Fox

networks signed long-term deals in 2011 calling for them to pay the NFL an average of about a combined \$5 billion per season through this decade. That works out to an average of almost \$19 million per game, including the playoffs and Super Bowl. □

Tech Tips: Your guide to the myriad phone-upgrade options

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AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Upgrading your phone is no longer as simple as paying \$100 or \$200 and extending your service contract by two years.

Phone companies have been shifting away from contracts and trying to get you to pay full price — \$600 to \$700 for a high-end phone. Installment plans are available, along with a leasing option from Sprint. To understand your options, it's best to break down the typical monthly phone bill into three components:

— The cost of the phone, which can be the monthly installment, or zero for a traditional contract plan.

— A per-phone "access" charge for unlimited voice and texts. With contract plans, you're paying \$40 to connect a smartphone. With full-price or leasing plans, you're paying \$15 or \$25. That sounds like a deal, but you're paying more for the phone itself.

— The data bucket, typically sharable if you're part of a group plan. This charge varies depending on how much data you need, but it's not affected by how you buy your phone. (At T-Mobile, access and data is a combined charge.)

Are you better off with a



In this May 6, 2015, photo, an AT&T employee, left, works with a customer at a company store in New York.

Associated Press

contract plan knowing you pay less for the phone but more in service fees?

BUY IT THE TRADITIONAL WAY

Verizon, AT&T and Sprint still offer subsidies in exchange for two-year contracts. You pay \$100 or \$200 up front, with no additional charges for the phone itself. However, you pay \$15 or \$25 more each month through the access charge. That's how phone companies make up for the cost of the subsidies.

Verizon and AT&T also charge a \$40 upgrade fee when you're getting a new phone on contract; there's no fee when you're paying full price for the phone. Sprint charges a \$36 upgrade fee to get a new

phone through the company, regardless of how you pay, while T-Mobile has no fees for its main phone plans.

PAY THROUGH INSTALLMENTS

All four national carriers let you pay the full cost of phones in monthly installments. T-Mobile no longer offers subsidies at all, so this is your best option there. Elsewhere, the installment plans go by Edge at Verizon, Next at AT&T and Easy Pay at Sprint.

For an iPhone 6 and other phones that retail for \$650, the subsidy is worth \$18.75 a month over the two-year life of the contract. So if the installment plan has you paying a \$15 access charge, you're saving \$25

off the \$40 access charge you would normally pay to get subsidies. That savings is more than what you're giving up in subsidies, so this is a good deal for you. But if the installment plan has you paying a \$25 access charge, the savings is only \$15 — yet you're giving up \$18.75.

In general, you're paying the \$15 rate (and getting the bigger savings) if you're on a higher data plan — starting at 6 gigabytes at Verizon, 8 GB at Sprint and 10 GB at AT&T. Individuals and couples probably don't need to pay for that much data, so their rate would be \$25. Again, that's just \$15 off the regular \$40 access charge, or less than what you're giving up in subsidies, so it's not a good deal. However, installment plans typically let you upgrade phones more often, so it might still be worth paying more for that. With subsidies, you have to wait two years.

Sprint and T-Mobile charge \$10 a month for the flexibility to upgrade early, before your phone is paid off. In T-Mobile's case, the charge includes insurance for loss and damage. AT&T and Verizon include free upgrades with the installment plans, though some of its other fees are higher. In all cases, you must turn in the old phone to upgrade early.

BUY IT OUTRIGHT

Installment plans don't

charge interest, so you're not really saving anything paying the full price up front. If you don't have good credit, this might be your only option. This is also for those looking for a used phone from a friend or from eBay.

Another advantage: You can get an unlocked version of a phone, letting you switch carriers more easily. Be forewarned, though, that not all phones will work with all carriers. AT&T and T-Mobile phones are typically interchangeable, but Sprint and Verizon have different networking technology.

RENT IT

Sprint offers a leasing program with monthly charges that are lower than the installment plan. It's even waiving those charges for some phones on unlimited data plans. The catch: You don't end up owning the phone.

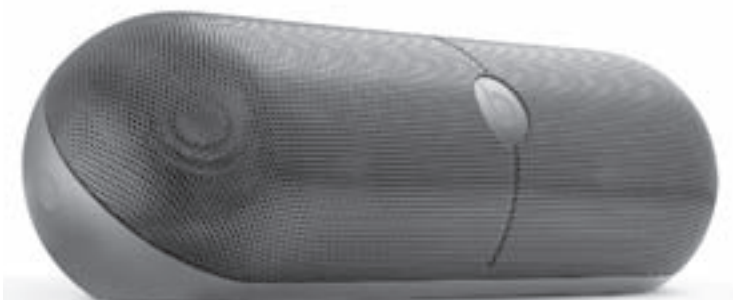
With other plans, you can resell the phone or give it to a friend once it's paid off. With leasing, you turn in the old model for a new one when the lease runs out in 12, 24 or 30 months. Or you can pay the difference between the full cost of the phone and the amount you've already paid to lease it. If your old phone is simply going to sit in a desk drawer when you upgrade, leasing could help you save money each month. □

Apple recalls Beats Pill speakers because they may overheat

NEW YORK (AP) — Apple said it is recalling its Beats Pill XL speakers after a customer reported getting burned when it overheated.

There were eight reports of the speaker's battery overheating, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said Wednesday. One person's finger was burned and another reported damage to a desk.

Apple said customers can apply for a \$325 refund on its website. They can also elect to receive Apple Store credit for the same amount. Apple, based in Cupertino, California, said



This undated product image provided by Beats by Dre shows the Beats Pill XL speaker.

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it will send customers boxes for free to return the speakers.

About 222,000 of the speakers are in the U.S., and 11,000 are in Canada, the CPSC said. They were sold at Apple's stores and

websites starting in January 2014. It was also sold at other retailers.

Beats, which also makes headphones and has a streaming music service, was bought last year by Apple Inc. for \$3 billion. □



AP: Encouraging economic news gives U.S. stocks a modest bump

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NEW YORK (AP) — Encouraging economic news pushed stocks higher Wednesday, although a slump in energy companies and utilities kept broader gains in check. Stocks climbed from the start of trading on news that U.S. exports rose in April and that hiring picked up in May. The buying followed a rise in overseas markets on hopes of a breakthrough in Greece's talks with its creditors. By the end of the day, seven of 10 industry groups in the Standard and Poor's 500 index rose. Utility stocks dropped 1.4 percent and energy companies fell 0.7 percent, along with the price of oil.

the slowest pace in a year. But any reading over 50 indicates that services firms are expanding. Investors are anxious for signs that U.S. growth is picking up, but not so much that the Fed will feel compelled to raise interest rates too fast and send stocks down sharply. Colleen S. Supran, principal at investment firm Bingham, Osborn & Scarborough, said Wednesday's reports seemed to strike a sort of Goldilocks' balance of hot, but not too hot. "It's not so robust, that anyone can come out and say, 'The Fed has got to raise rates,'" she said. "Everything is just good enough." Utility companies were driven down by a sharp

G-III Apparel Group, which reported earnings and revenue that came in well ahead of what Wall Street analysts were looking for. Its stock surged \$7.06, or 12 percent, to \$67.15. Investors were also keeping an eye on Greece. The country's prime minister is trying to persuade creditors to accept a proposal that could unlock much-delayed bailout loans, but he's running out of time. Greece has to make a payment of over 300 million euros (\$333 million) to the International Monetary Fund this Friday, then make a series of other payments in the coming months. If it fails to repay past loans and get new ones, Greece may have to exit from the euro, a development that



Timothy Nick, center, works with fellow traders in his booth on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Encouraging economic news pushed stocks higher Wednesday, although a slump in energy companies and utilities kept broader gains in check.
(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

The S&P 500 edged up 4.47 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,114.07. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 64.33 points, or 0.4 percent, to end at 18,076.27. The Nasdaq composite climbed 22.71 points, or 0.5 percent, to 5,099.23. The Federal Reserve said that a survey of business conditions showed that manufacturing held steady or increased in most parts of the country. A separate report from the Institute for Supply Management showed U.S. service firms grew in May at

rise in bond yields. Investors like utility stocks for their fat dividends, but bonds are becoming more attractive as a source of income. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose on Wednesday to 2.37 percent, the highest since November. Energy stocks fell as the price of benchmark U.S. oil slid nearly 3 percent. The two biggest decliners in the S&P 500, Chesapeake Energy and Diamond Offshore Drilling, each fell by more than 3 percent. Among big gainers for the day was clothing maker

could roil the 19-country eurozone. "The consensus is that they'll meet the June 5th payment ... but the concern is they'll struggle mightily to meet their July payment," said JJ Kinnahan, chief strategist at TD Ameritrade. "The market is taking one payment at a time, but this continues to loom as a major point of concern." In the U.S. hiring report, payroll processor ADP said that companies added 201,000 jobs last month, up from just 165,000 in April. □



Janet L. Yellen, chair of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System delivers an address in Providence, R.I.
(AP Photo/Stephan Savoia)

Fed sees moderate economic growth around US this spring

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WASHINGTON (AP) The U.S. economy was growing at a moderate pace in most regions of the country in April and May, as consumers ramped up spending at retailers and auto dealers, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday. In its latest survey of business conditions around the country, the Fed said that manufacturing activity held steady or increased, except in the energy industry. Some companies laid off workers and cut back on drilling activities in response to the big fall in oil prices over the past year. The Fed report, known as the beige book, will be reviewed by officials at the Fed's next meeting June 16-17 meeting. Economists expect the central bank to delay any rate hike until they see more signs of an economic rebound.

Four districts — Boston, Atlanta, Chicago and St. Louis — reported moderate growth in manufacturing, while some other districts said growth was basically flat during the survey period. The report found wide-ranging consequences from the fall in energy prices, with over half of the Fed's 12 districts reporting a negative impact on companies that either operate in the energy sector or provide services to energy companies. Kansas City described a sharp fall in activity in energy producers Oklahoma and New Mexico, while the Dallas district said that oilfield ma-

chinery sales were down significantly from a year ago. The report noted that consumer spending rose in all districts except Richmond and New York. The drop in gas prices was spurring a shift from sales of cars to light trucks and SUVs. Tourism also picked up in a number of districts, lifting demand for summer hotel and resort bookings. The Fed report found that the rise in the value of the dollar wasn't uniformly hurting demand for U.S. manufactured goods. The Philadelphia and Richmond districts reported stronger demand in the rubber and plastic industries. In San Francisco, biotech and pharmaceutical companies also saw growing demand. But the report said that business contacts in the Boston, Cleveland, Chicago, Minneapolis and Dallas districts all reported a drag on either export sales or business investment plans from the stronger dollar, which makes U.S.-made products more expensive on foreign markets. Residential real estate and construction activity expanded in most districts. Employment was up except in the energy sector, with New York, Cleveland and Kansas City noting widespread shortages of truck drivers. Chicago and Minneapolis reported poultry flocks had been hit hard by avian flu. Minneapolis producers expect the outbreak to cost them more than \$300 million. □

America's trade deficit declined sharply in April

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. trade deficit declined sharply in April as exports posted a modest gain and imports fell, raising hopes that trade's drag on economic growth will ease in the current quarter. The April deficit tumbled 19.2 percent to \$40.9 billion after surging to \$50.6 billion in March, the Commerce Department said Wednesday.

The March deficit, which was revised down from an initial estimate of \$51.4 billion, was the highest since January 2012. The big surge in the deficit reduced overall economic growth by nearly 2 percentage points in the first quarter, sending gross domestic product into negative territory. In April, exports edged up 1 percent to \$189.9 billion, led by a big rise in com-

mercial airplane sales. Imports fell 3.3 percent to \$230.8 billion. The deficit is the difference between imports and exports. The big deficit increase in March reflected the end of a labor dispute which had tied up West Coast ports. With the ports fully operational, a backlog of imports, many from China, flooded into the country. Economists had predicted with the backlog pro-

cessed, the deficit would shrink in April to more normal levels. For the first four months of the year, the deficit is running 1 percent higher than the same period a year ago. Economists believe this year's deficit will increase modestly from the revised \$508.3 billion deficit in 2014. Robert Kavcic, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets, said he believed

trade's impact would be roughly neutral in the current April-June period and would likely trim growth by about a half percentage point for the entire year. American manufacturers have been hurt by a rise in the value of the dollar over the past year. The stronger dollar makes American goods more expensive on overseas markets and makes imports cheaper for U.S. consumers. □

Survey: US business hiring picks up in May to 201,000

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. companies stepped up hiring in May, a private survey found, evidence that employers remain confident in the economy even after it contracted at the start of the year. Payroll processor ADP said Wednesday that businesses added 201,000 jobs last month, up from just 165,000 in the previous month. April's increase was the smallest in a year and a half. The figures suggest that the economy is recovering after it shrank at a 0.7 percent annual rate in the first quarter. On Friday, the government will issue its official jobs report for May. Economists forecast it will show that employers added 227,000 jobs, and the unemployment rate remained 5.4 percent. "The relative strength in today's report is an encour-

aging sign that the labor market, and the economy, is reaccelerating," Dan Greenhaus, chief strategist at brokerage BTIG LLC, said in a note to clients. The ADP survey covers only private businesses, however, and frequently diverges from the official figures. Employers added jobs last year at the strongest pace in 15 years, putting 3.1 million people to work, or an average of 260,000 jobs a month. Yet hiring has slowed a bit in 2015, with job gains averaging 194,000 a month through April. Much of that slowdown occurred in March, when only 85,000 net jobs were created. Hiring rebounded to 223,000 in April. The Federal Reserve is closely watching the health of the job market as it considers when to begin raising the short-term interest rate it controls from nearly zero.



David Dunn from Chickamauga, Ga., right, stands in line with hundreds of other job seekers at The Colonnade in Ringgold, Ga., to attend a huge 15-county job fair. Payroll processor ADP reported how many jobs private employers added in May on Wednesday, June 3, 2015.

(Dan Henry/Chattanooga Times Free Press via AP)

Construction companies added 27,000 jobs, ADP said, the most in four months. That's a sign that developers are ramping up homebuilding, an im-

portant driver for the economy. Manufacturers cut 5,000 jobs, the third straight decline. The drop in factory jobs likely reflects the impact of the stronger dollar,

which makes U.S. goods more expensive overseas and cuts into export sales. Services were the main driver of job growth, adding 192,000 jobs. □

Growth in US services firms slows to 12-month low

JOSH BOAK

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. service firms grew in May at the slowest pace in a year, as both new orders and hiring slipped. The Institute for Supply Management said Wednesday that its services index fell to 55.7 in May from 57.8 in April. Still, any reading over 50 indicates that services firms are expanding. The slower growth rate reflects the uneven rebound from a brutal winter, which

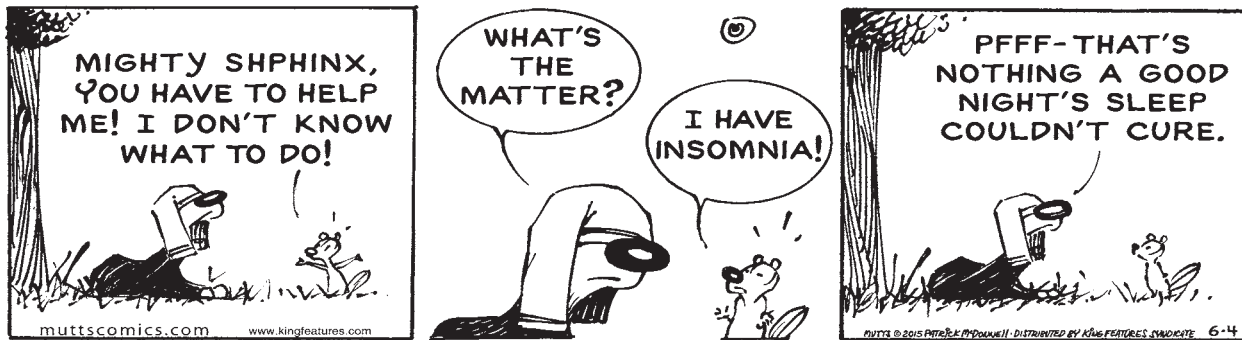
caused the economy to shrink at an annualized rate of 0.7 percent during the first quarter of 2015. Hiring has continued at a brisk pace, leading many economists to forecast solid growth in the coming months. Yet consumers have been reluctant to part with their paychecks, choosing to save instead of spending in ways that bolster short-term growth. "The indications are that we have had a slowing or cooling off here," said An-

thony Nieves, chairman of ISM's non-manufacturing business survey Committee. But because the average still points to expansion, economists say that gross domestic product will improve. "It is still at a level that historically has been consistent with 3 percent GDP growth," said Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics. The ISM is a trade group of purchasing managers. Its

survey of services firms covers businesses that employ 90 percent of the American workforce, including retail, construction, health care and financial services companies. The May survey reported a 1.3 percentage point drop in new orders to 57.9, while the employment component slid to 1.4 points to 55.3. Both indicate that growth last month was slightly less robust than in April. Many Americans have

been unwilling to splurge. Consumer spending was flat from April to March, the Commerce Department said Monday. Cheaper gasoline has yet to prompt more spending, as the personal savings rate was 5.6 percent last month, the second highest level since December, 2012. All but one of the 15 services industries tracked by ISM reported growth last month. The only sector that shrank was mining, a sector hurt by lower oil prices. □

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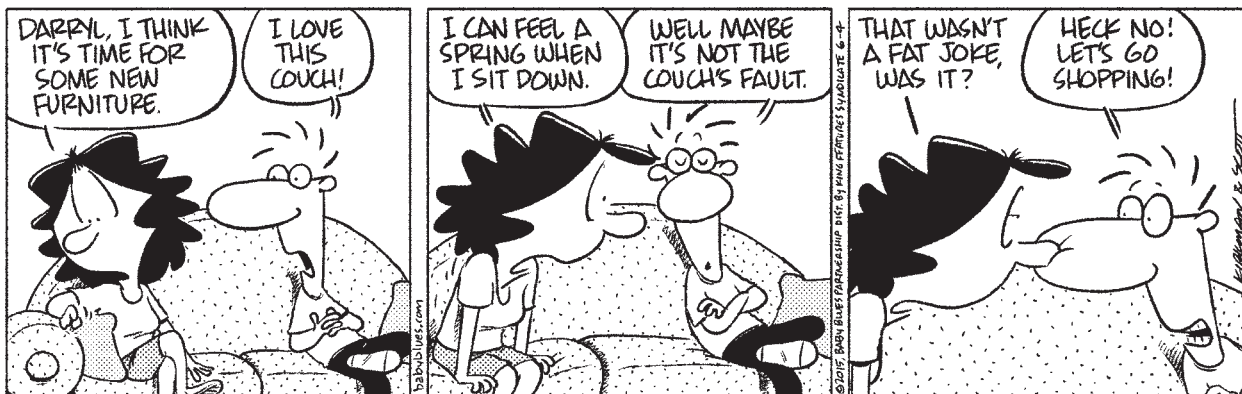
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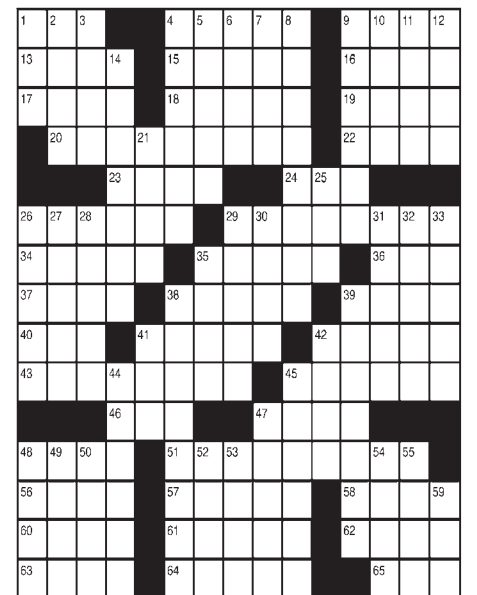
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

- Sign an IOU
- Punctures
- Canyon sound
- Cookware items
- Paddled boat
- Have to have
- Georgia __; Atlanta univ.
- __-miss; haphazard
- Snow toy
- Clearing a driveway in winter
- Troubles
- Topaz & ruby
- __ McMuffin; morning meal
- Bring into harmony
- Modern tool for a lumberjack
- Gregorian __; monastery intonation
- Injured arm support
- Home video game console
- Skirt edges
- Like folks put in front rows for photos, usually
- Fling
- Poet's "before"
- Get up
- TV's Milton __
- Sleeping pill
- Cattleman
- Hairstyling goo
- Rich soil
- Pocket bread
- Going higher
- Uses oars
- Innocent; unsophisticated
- Afternoon socials
- "It is what __"
- Windy day toys
- Subdued
- Shut
- Bring on board
- Saber or épée
- Bridal path
- Smarter



Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

DOWN

- Make a choice
 - Misfortunes
 - Engrave
 - Crafty plot
 - Coin toss call
 - "Nay" voter
 - Godsend
 - Corporal's superior
 - Naval rank
 - Jailbird's home
 - Where plantar fasciitis strikes
 - Likelihood
 - Old Japanese military leaders
 - Express pent-up frustration
 - Actor __ Young
 - Muscle cramps
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Drink mas? Taco Bell to serve alcohol at Chicago location

NEW YORK (AP) — Taco Bell says it will serve beer, wine and "mixed alcohol freezes" at a new location set to open in Chicago this summer.

The chain, owned by Yum Brands Inc., says the restaurant will have a new design it's testing in urban markets. It says the layout has already been launched in South Korea, Japan and the United Kingdom.

A rendering of the design shows a row of lime-green stools along a bar that peers into an open kitchen, flanked by an exposed brick wall. The chain says the location "will highlight the work of local artists" to give it a neighborhood feel.

The new layout is the latest sign Taco Bell is working to shed its fast-food image and appeal to millennials, who marketers say prefer places and products that seem less cookie-cutter and more "authentic." Wendy's, which is also trying to recast itself as a step up from traditional fast-food, has also been pushing a remodeling of restaurants that features more inviting and mixed seating options.

The push to embrace a new image extends to food as well. Last month, Taco Bell announced it would drop artificial flavors and colors from its menu by the end of this year, although co-branded products like the Doritos Locos tacos would be exempt. □

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Solar system's weirdest dance scene: The moons around Pluto

BY SETH BORENSTEIN

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) —

There's a chaotic dance going on at the far end of the solar system, involving Pluto and five of its closest friends, a new study finds. Hubble Space Telescope images of Pluto, its largest moon Charon, and tinier moons Styx, Nix, Hydra and Kerberos show the odd rhythmic gyrations of the six distant objects in a dance unlike anything in the system.

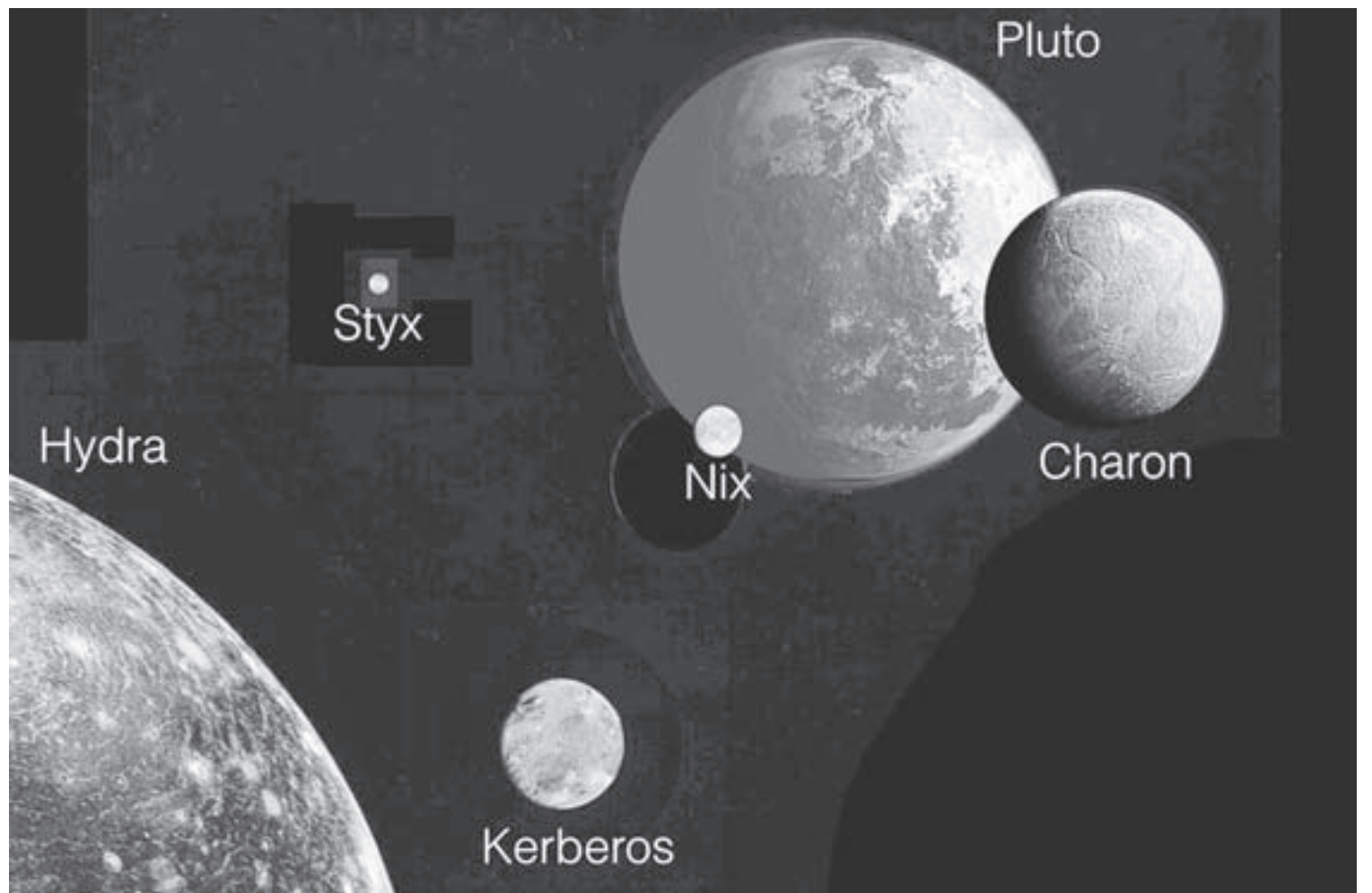
What makes it so odd is that there's a double set of dances going on. First, Pluto and Charon are locked together in their own waltz "as if they are a dumb-bell" with a rod connecting them, said study author Mark Showalter of the SETI Institute in California. It's the solar system's only binary planet system, even though Charon isn't technically a planet, he said. Pluto, too, is no longer considered a full planet.

"It's pretty darn weird," Showalter said.

But Pluto and Charon aren't alone, and that's where it gets more complicated.

The four little moons circle the Pluto-Charon combo, wobbling a bit when they go closer to either Pluto or Charon, being pushed and pulled by the two bigger objects.

Those four moons orbit Pluto-Charon in a precise



This illustration provided by NASA/JPL/Mark Showalter, SETI Institute depicts Pluto and its five moons from a perspective looking away from the sun.

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rhythmic way, but with a twist: They also interact when they near each other.

So it seems like they all dance to one overarching beat but not quite in the same way, just doing their

own thing, said planetary scientist Heidi Hammel of the Association of Universities for Research in Astron-

omy.

"It's kind of like you'd see at a Grateful Dead concert," Hammel said. □

Wind damages wing of solar plane sidelined in Japan

NAGOYA, Japan (AP) —

A solar-powered plane forced to land in Japan when it hit bad weather during its trip around the globe has encountered more challenges after wind gusts damaged a wing on

the grounded aircraft.

Swiss pilot Andre Borschberg says on the expedition's website that the damage to the Solar Impulse 2 on Tuesday will "necessitate at least a week to repair." It has delayed the

journey further, but he says the damage is not a major issue. The Solar Impulse departed Nanjing, China, on Sunday on what was expected to be the longest leg of the journey, a six-day, 8,175-kilometer (5,079-

mile) flight to Hawaii.

Instead, the plane landed late Monday at the Nagoya Airport in central Japan to wait out unexpectedly bad weather. Borschberg is flying without any fuel. □

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Jason Alexander prepares to sing 'the music of Larry David'

MARK KENNEDY

AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — When Larry David was showing his old "Seinfeld" pal Jason Alexander the quirks of his Broadway dressing room, the discussion naturally went to the toilet.

"You know what he said? 'It's a two or three flusher,'" said Alexander. "He said, 'Don't assume.' I said, 'Really? OK, I won't assume.'" But Alexander, who is about to take over from David in his hit play "Fish in the Dark," fooled with the handle and discovered that he could just hold it until the water cleared.

"I went to him and I said, 'Listen, I don't want to rock your world but it's actually less effort than you've been making it,'" Alexander said. "Like most things in life."

Alexander is pretty much planning to do the same thing with David's play that he did with his toilet — mess around with the plumbing to find a more efficient way to tell the story.

"It is possible that I will be better and he will be funnier," said Alexander in David's dressing room one recent morning.

"If someone saw both of us do it, if they laughed 100 times with Larry, they may only laugh 90 times with



In this May 28, 2015 file photo, Jason Alexander, left, and Larry David pose for a photo on the set of "Fish in The Dark" at the Cort Theatre in New York.

me but the takeaway from the show will be 'Wow, I actually went on that journey a little bit.'"

If anyone can do it, it's Alexander, who before "Seinfeld" was a Tony-winning stage performer who then played David's alter-ego on the show's nine-year run.

"We are making the small adjustments that allow me to approach this as more of a trained actor than Larry could," he said. "I really understand Larry's turf, his rhythms, his melodies. I get

the music of Larry David." Director Anna D. Shapiro has helped Alexander and the cast manage the transition and said Alexander knows instinctively how to spread the focus around the stage.

"He likes to throw the ball as much as hold the ball," she says. "With Larry, what he's doing, he is the most expert at. What Jason's doing is a shared mastery."

"Fish in the Dark," David's first play, is about the rivalries and still-simmering angers that explode when a

family gathers to bid farewell to their dying patriarch.

The show has been a huge draw because of David, who co-created "Seinfeld" and went on to star and write "Curb Your Enthusiasm." Theater-goers get to see him do a bit about whether or not to tip doctors and be typically petty, vindictive and clueless.

The play co-stars Jayne Houdyshell and Rosie Perez, but David has dominated the stage, with his usual exasperated, impolite rou-

tine.

"I think the show with me will feel more like an ensemble show than a star vehicle even though the character continues to drive the piece," said Alexander.

"The upside is it's not a deeply complex play. It's a light comedy. So the trick is finding how you get the laugh and finding the rhythms of the show with the cast."

Before David ever began the role, he asked Alexander what he might expect in his Broadway debut. For one, he had no idea how grueling the eight-a-week schedule becomes.

"As most people do, he had some misconceptions," Alexander said. "He said, 'It won't be so bad. I'll play golf during the day.' I said, 'You're not playing golf.' He said, 'Well, I'll go out for drinks after.' I said, 'Not if you want to do a show the next day.'"

Alexander knows that playing George Costanza has built him plenty of fondness in the crowd, but he isn't counting on that for long when he hits the stage.

"That buys you 5-10 minutes of extraordinary good will," he said. "And then after that, if you drop the ball, they'll go, 'You know, he's not so good.'"

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Meryl Streep drama 'Suffragette' to open London Film Festival

LONDON (AP) — Historical drama "Suffragette," starring Carey Mulligan and Meryl Streep as votes-for-women campaigners, will open this year's London Film Festival.

Organizers say the film's European premiere will kick off the 59th annual festival Oct. 7.

Helena Bonham Carter also appears in the drama about the campaigners who risked life and liberty to fight for women's suffrage a century ago. It's directed by Sarah Gavron ("Brick Lane") and written by Abi Morgan ("The Iron Lady").

It is the first commercial



In this Wednesday, March 4, 2015 file photo, Meryl Streep waves to photographers during the Japan premiere of "Into the Woods" in Tokyo.

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feature which has been allowed to film inside London's Houses of Parliament. Festival director Clare Stewart said Wednesday "Suffragette" was "an urgent and compelling film

— made by British women, about British women who changed the course of history."

The full program for the Oct 7-18 festival will be announced in September.

Janet Jackson to release 1st album in 7 years

NEW YORK (AP) — "Let's Wait Awhile"? Not really. Janet Jackson is releasing her first album in seven years this fall.

The pop icon said on her website Wednesday that the album, not yet titled, will be released on her own label, Rhythm Nation Records, via Bertelsmann Music Group.

She announced last month in a minute-long video that she was returning to music, with plans to launch a world tour. The news be-



In this May 23, 2013 file photo, singer Janet Jackson arrives at amfAR Cinema Against AIDS benefit at the Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc, during the 66th international film festival, in Cap d'Antibes, southern France.

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came a hot topic on social media.

E! names Bruce Jenner series 'I Am Cait'

NEW YORK (AP) — The E! Entertainment network says its documentary series on the former Bruce Jenner premiering next month will be titled,

"I Am Cait," and is showing a promo video for the series depicting her applying makeup.

The Olympic champion, who revealed this week that her new name is Caitlyn, is featured in an eight-episode series depicting her transition from a man to a woman that will debut July 26.

E! ramped up promotion Wednesday by releasing a video that depicts Jenner applying lipstick while sitting at a makeup table. She says for the first time a professional had come in and applied makeup for



In this Sept. 11, 2013, file photo, former Olympic athlete Bruce Jenner arrives at the Annual Charity Day hosted by Cantor Fitzgerald and BGC Partners, in New York.

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her. "What a difference," she said. her California home, declared: "I'm the new Jenner, while driving near normal." □

Sister of reality star Josh Duggar says she was a victim

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AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — One of reality TV star Josh Duggar's sisters says in a television interview airing Wednesday that she was a victim of her older brother, who has been accused of sexual misconduct as a teenager. In a Fox News Channel interview, Jessa Duggar says she wants to defend her brother.

She says accusations that he is a child molester or pedophile are "so overboard and a lie."

The Associated Press generally does not identify victims of alleged sexual mistreatment. But Jessa Duggar is speaking publicly, in an interview that Fox's Megyn Kelly also conducted with Duggar's parents, Jim Bob and Michelle Duggar. The Arkansas family is featured in TLC's series "19 Kids and Counting."

It wasn't clear in a quote provided by Fox what Josh Duggar did. He apologized for unspecified bad be-



This photo provided by FOX News shows, FOX News Channel's Megyn Kelly, from left, Jim Bob, and Michelle Duggar of the TLC program "19 Kids and Counting," during an interview for "The Kelly File" on Wednesday, June 3, 2015.

Associated Press

havior when he resigned last month as a Family Research Council lobbyist. In another excerpt provided by Fox, Michelle Duggar said there was "so much grief in our hearts" when they heard about the incidents.

"As parents we felt we're failures, you know?" she said. "Here we tried to raise

our kids to, to do what's right and know what's right. And yet, one of our children made really bad choices."

As parents, they were devastated, she said. Arkansas police last month said they had destroyed a record outlining a nearly decade-old investigation into Josh Duggar. □

Stephen Colbert priming the pump for 'Late Show'



In this April 17, 2015 file photo, Stephen Colbert attends the Tribeca Talks: Director Series during the Tribeca Film Festival in New York.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Stephen Colbert's version of CBS' "Late Show" doesn't begin on television until September, but he's starting to make an online presence felt.

He launched the show's new website, ColbertLateShow.com, and accounts on various social media outlets on Wednesday. CBS also released a five-minute video where Colbert talked

about the beard he grew during the down period between "The Colbert Report" and his new show.

"Good news!" Colbert said on the video.

"I still exist." He joked that CBS made him shave his beard because Tom Selleck's mustache has a non-compete clause.

Colbert plans to issue other videos throughout the summer leading up to his Sept. 8 premiere. □

Shonda Rhimes writing book on a year of accepting challenges



In this Feb. 19, 2015 file photo, Shonda Rhimes arrives at the 8th Annual Essence Black Women In Hollywood Luncheon in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Shonda Rhimes' first book will have a positive message. The award-winning showrunner and creator of "Grey's Anatomy" and "Scandal" has an agreement with Simon & Schuster

for "Year of Yes," the publisher announced Tuesday. Rhimes was inspired to write the book, coming in November, after she was dared in December 2013 to for one year say yes to unexpected invitations. □

Showtime follows HBO into the streaming game

NEW YORK (AP)—Showtime will join rival HBO with an online streaming service for those that don't want to pay for cable.

The cable channel said Wednesday that it will begin streaming in July for \$10.99 a month on all Apple devices, including the iPad, iPhone and Apple TV. CBS Corp., which owns Showtime, said it will be available on non-Apple devices soon.

There's been a shift to more online viewing. More cable company customers subscribe for

Internet service than their TV offerings, according to data provider SNL Kagan.

HBO rolled out a stand-alone streaming channel as the new season of its blockbuster "Game of Thrones" began in April and Showtime has followed suit, seeking the same audiences that have flocked to Netflix, Hulu and Amazon.com.

Networks and cable channels have begun to create stand-alone streaming services as a way to reach people who don't

subscribe to traditional cable packages that have dozens of channels.

"Going over-the-top means Showtime will be much more accessible to tens of millions of potential new subscribers," said CBS President and CEO Leslie Moonves, in a printed statement.

HBO Now can be had for \$14.99 per month for anyone owning an Apple device and it will be available on Android devices this summer. CBS already has a streaming service for its network, where customers



In this file image released by HBO, Sophie Turner, as Sansa Stark, left, and Aidan Gillen, as Petyr "Littlefinger" Baelish, appear in a scene from the HBO original series, "Game of Thrones."

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Author Vendela Vida and the art of pretending

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AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Answering questions in a Casablanca police station, hoping to retrieve a missing backpack, author Vendela Vida was overcome by her feelings of good fortune.

"Halfway through the interview it just occurred to me that this was the entree into the novel," says Vida, whose new book, "The Diver's Clothes Lie Empty," begins with a stolen backpack in Casablanca. "I was so excited I think the detectives were really confused. I was having such a great time. I was taking notes in my head of the environment, what the detectives looked like."

Her book just published and papers otherwise in order, she is drinking iced tea at an outdoor cafe in Greenwich Village during a warm afternoon, a setting you are unlikely to find in a Vida novel. "The Diver's Clothes Lie Empty," blurbed by Lena Dunham among others, is Vida's fourth work of fiction and continues her exploration of American women in crisis in foreign countries, whether Turkey in "The Lovers" or the Finnish region Lapland in "Let the Northern Lights Erase Your

Name."

The narrator is not named in "Diver's Clothes," but she does assume other identities as the disappearance of her belongings leads her to pretend that she's a New York Times writer, to falsely claim that a backpack belonging to another woman is hers and to take on work as a stand-in for a famous actress in a Hollywood production set in Morocco.

Vida, 43, has been productively fibbing since writing down her tall tales as a child. In her first book, the nonfiction "Girls on the Verge," she writes of taking on a new name (Kate Wintersen) and background as she participates in a sorority rush at UCLA. In "Let the Northern Lights Erase Your Name," the narrator confesses, "Travel is made for liars. Or liars are made for travel."

"Everyone has that sensation when they get on a plane that you're going to arrive in another country and ... 'What if you were someone different?'" Vida said. "There's always a part of transforming your identity when you're in a new place. So if you push that to the maximum



This undated image released by Ecco shows Vendela Vida, author of "The Diver's Clothes Lie Empty."

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extreme, it's actually, what if you take on a new identity completely?"

Writing itself is a kind of escape for Vida, whether the internal charade of imagining a life different from her own to the distance she sometimes travels to finish a book. Around a decade ago, after the birth of the first of her two children (her husband is fellow author Dave Eggers), she began writing in motels, fully separating "the fictional world" in her mind from the real world of diapers and feedings. □

can watch "The Big Bang Theory" and other CBS shows for \$5.99 a month. Showtime launches its And Noggin, owned by Viacom Inc., lets users can watch "The Big Bang Theory" and other CBS shows for \$5.99 a month. Showtime launches its And Noggin, owned by Viacom Inc., lets users

other children's shows for \$5.99 a month.

Showtime launches its streaming service, also revered to as "over-the-top stream "Blue's Clues" and content," on July 12. □

MSNBC, E! ranked high in social network engagement

NEW YORK (AP) — A company that measures the effectiveness of television networks on social media says MSNBC is top-ranked on Facebook and E! Entertainment is best on Twitter.

The Toronto-based data firm Engagement Labs ranks networks with a score based on how much material they disseminate online, how engaged viewers are with the material and the frequency with which the networks interact with their viewers.

The company hopes its "eValue Score" will become the industry benchmark on how networks' social media strategies are connecting, in the same way the Nielsen company measures how many people watch the programs, said Bryan Segal, the company's CEO, on Wednesday.

On Facebook, MSNBC outranked Fox News Channel, CNN, the Fox Business Network and HLN in that order, Engagement Labs said. The dominance of news networks reflects how Facebook has become a news source. The Engagement Labs' score measures in part how many people "like" or comment on items the network posts. Sports and entertainment networks are more active and popular on Twitter. Following E!, the top networks on Twitter are NBC Sports, Oxygen, Logo and Fox Sports, Engagement Labs said.

The rankings provide networks with an idea of whether money committed to a social media strategy is well spent, also giving advertisers a sense of how connected a network is to its audience.

For networks lower on Engagement Labs' rankings, "it's obviously a call to action," Segal said. □

Jenner's change a high-profile step for transgender movement

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The handsome, muscular Bruce Jenner, whose picture appeared on the Wheaties cereal box the year after he won the Olympic gold medal, is on the cover of Vanity

folks, quickly retweeted the cover photo, most often with positive comments. Even some poking light-hearted fun at the perfectly coiffed Jenner said the handsome former athlete looks even better as a woman in the

one, it's easier to leave room in your heart and mind for them. To just be without fear of them or without hatred of them," she said. And pretty much everyone feels they know Jenner, Lane added. Older people were enthralled by the athlete

and included a high-profile interview with ABC's Diane Sawyer last April, in which Jenner, appearing nervous at first, declared, "Yes, for all intents and purposes, I am a woman." The celebrity had no other choice but to do it that

it with class, and that's exactly what Caitlyn has done."

Not that it's necessarily easy, any way it's done.

"Even with the position Caitlyn is in and the positive reaction that seems to be surrounding her today, we can't forget that there are so many transgender people who don't have this environment, who are fearful just to step out of their homes or go to the grocery store or walk down the street every single day," Lane said.

Aside from violence, there's also the emotional toll. Jenner told Sawyer that she had contemplated suicide during the decades she struggled with her sexual identity.

"To think she waited 65 years to come out, if you will, is a tragedy in itself," University of Southern California sociologist Julie Albright said. "Keeping a secret like that for so many years is bound to take a psychological and even a physical toll on you."

Renee Richards, the transgender pioneer who famously transitioned from man to woman in 1975, said recently that Jenner should benefit from living in a more enlightened time.

Richards was a successful doctor and, like Jenner, a father and star athlete.

But she had to sue to be allowed to play tennis at the U.S. Open, where she made it to the women's doubles finals in 1977. And she said doctors initially refused to help her when she approached them as a 40-year-old man.

"It was too scary for them," Richards recently told GQ Magazine. "They couldn't fathom how someone who had been so supremely successful in everything — in medicine, in sports, in life — as a heterosexual man, as a husband, as a father, they couldn't understand that."

"In this day and age," she added, "they would understand." □



In this 2013 file photo, former Olympic athlete Bruce Jenner arrives at the Annual Charity Day hosted by Cantor Fitzgerald and BGC Partners, in New York. Jenner made his debut as a transgender woman on the cover for the July 2015 issue of Vanity Fair. The image was shot by famed celeb photographer Annie Leibovitz. (Photo by Mark Von Holden/Invision/AP)

Fair this week, only now as Caitlyn Jenner, an attractive woman in a strapless, white corset.

Although not the first celebrity (think Chaz Bono) to transition from one gender to another in the public eye, Jenner lit up online media Monday when she tweeted a photo of the magazine cover along with the declaration that, at age 65, she's finally "living my true self." Twitter accounts, ranging from the one held by the White House to those of transgender advocates, sociologists and regular

perfectly posed picture by celebrated photographer Annie Leibovitz.

"All the women I know would LOVE to have the chance to have photos of themselves as beautiful as that one taken by Annie Leibovitz," said Eden Lane, an anchor and producer for Denver PBS television station KBDI and a transgender woman.

But more important, Lane added, is the positive impact Jenner's transition seems to have suddenly had on the transgender movement.

"When you know some-

who dominated one of the Olympics' most grueling competitions, the decathlon, in the 1976 summer games in Montreal. More recently, younger people have come to embrace the good-natured foil they saw on the long-running TV reality series "Keeping Up With the Kardashians." Until last December, Jenner was married for 23 years to Kris Kardashian and is the father of two of her children.

Jenner's transition has played out in public over the past several months

way, said veteran Hollywood publicist Howard Bragman, who represented Chaz Bono when the daughter of entertainers Sonny Bono and Cher transitioned from female to male in 2009.

"The thing you have to understand about people like Caitlyn and Chaz is most people do this privately," said Bragman, founder and CEO of Fifteen Minutes Public Relations. "Public people don't get the luxury of doing that. It takes an extra amount of courage for them to do it, and to do